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ARKANSAS.

MORE STREET FIRING IN LITTLE ROCK.

SEVERAL PERSONS WOUNDED—ORGANIZATION OF THE LEGISLATURE—ADJOURNMENT TILL TO-DAY.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 13.—No fight occurred last night, but more skirmishing is expected to-day.

Baxter got in his two Parrott twelve-pounders from Texas by train at 2 o'clock this morning. They carry the same shot as the two Rodmans the regulars have.

Each party now have Provost Marshal Generals, who have charge of all prisoners, Gen. Upham acting in that capacity on Brooks' side, and Gen. Ira M. L. Barton for Baxter.

The Baxter men who took part in the fight yesterday are complaining loudly against the management of the affair by their officers. They say that the skirmishers were sent out only twenty yards distant from the main bodies, and that they were only armed with shot-guns to oppose the long-range needle-guns of the Brooks skirmishers.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, while Major Henry, editor of the Lewisburg *Empire*, and Lieut. Hill, both belonging to the Baxter forces, were standing on the sidewalk of Markham street, half way between the regulars' barracks and their own pickets, Sheriff Grayson, of Clark County, a Brooks man, stepped across the street and shook hands with Hill, who was in command of the guard-house when Grayson was captured not long ago. While standing there, Grayson or Hill drew the other by the hand toward the Baxter lines. Henry then hit Grayson four or five times over the head with a pistol. Grayson then drew his pistol and fired six shots, retreating as he fired. The others returned the fire. Col. Brooker, of the Brooks forces, fired several shots. The firing by this time had become general, and about fifty shots were fired, some from buildings inside the Baxter lines. The regulars on the first fire formed behind their barricade, and several leveled their guns, but none fired. As soon as the men saw the regulars were out the firing stopped. The following parties were wounded: A man named Powers, a non-combatant, who was standing by a saloon 100 feet behind the regulars' barricades, toward the State-house, was shot seriously, with a ball from a Spencer rifle, through the right breast, just above the nipple, the ball going through the lung. Wm. Rufus Brooks, a soldier, standing in front of the State-house, was shot through the shoulder. Sheriff Grayson's head was badly cut by Henry's pistol. Things have quieted down at the time of writing this, but affairs of this kind may occur at any moment. The Brooks men captured a lawyer named Williams, belonging to the Baxter side, to-day.

The following is published here: Speaker Tankersley's report that Gov. Coke, of Texas, furnished the battery of artillery recently received here, is false. I purchased the guns on the guarantee of private individuals. I applied to Gov. Coke, at Austin, for a battery, but he positively refused to let me have it. Tankersley served in and deserted the Confederate Army, and was cashiered from the Federal Army for defrauding the Government. He wears an alias name. In Virginia his name is Caswell.

(Signed,) W. E. WOODRUFF, Jr.,
Editor *Gazette*.

There was a sudden scare at 6 o'clock this evening. It was rumored that Baxter had planted cannon in Centre street bearing on the State-house. The citizens rushed out of the way. On going inside the lines I found the cannon just where it has been since it was brought in. Baxter's guards are very vigilant. Fifty Baxter recruits have just come in from Faulkner County. They were received with cheers. It seems almost incredible that none of Baxter's men were hurt in the skirmish to-day, as they were very thick and in range. More companies of regulars are expected from St. Louis to-night.

8 P. M.—Grayson did not fire the first shot to-day, as he broke away from Henry. The latter leveled his pistol, when some parties cried out "For God's sake do not shoot." Henry then put up his pistol. A man named Keith, across the street, fired at Henry, and then Grayson fired, and the other men fired also.

THE LEGISLATURE.

In the Legislature, to-day, a quorum was present in both Houses, forty-five in the House and fourteen in the Senate. They immediately set to work organizing and electing temporary officers. C. E. Berry was elected Speaker. Arrick, Secretary of the Senate last session, was in his place. Pindal, in the House, said he favored the reception of a petition, if made by Brooks, and if the facts showed that the House should act upon it. The House sent a joint resolution to appoint a committee to wait on the Governor (Baxter,) and inform him that both Chambers were organized, and would receive any message he might wish to transmit. The Senate laid it over until to-morrow. Both Houses adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow. There are four Brooks' men in the Senate, and if they do not like the action of their associates one can withdraw, another move for a call of the House, and no quorum could be declared, as there is now just a quorum.

ACCIDENT IN THE STATE-HOUSE.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 13.—Two Brooks men were making cartridges in the State-house last evening. One of them had a pipe from which a spark fell into a cannister of powder which exploded. One of them, John House, had his face, eyes, and hands so badly burned that he will probably die. The other, James Ford, had the left side of his face and one of his eyes burned.

John D. Alexander, who was shot by young Jennings, a St. John's College cadet, in Baxter's camp, yesterday, died to-day. Alexander told Jennings to give his arms up to him. He refused, and Alexander attempted to take them, when Jennings shot him.

INTERVIEW WITH BAXTER.

ST. LOUIS, May 13.—A special from Little Rock to the *Evening Dispatch* says: "In an interview with Baxter to-day he stated that in the event of the Legislature recognizing him as Governor, of which he had no doubt, he would advise President Grant of its action, and ask that the United States authorities compel Brooks to vacate the State-house. If the President comply, and Brooks refuse, he would take the building by force, or if the President should delay and still permit the troops here to interfere as they have been doing, he would protect himself.

Baxter's forces have all the advantage in point of men and artillery. They received last night two Parrott guns from Texas, with plenty of prepared ammunition. These guns are being put in position to-day. Baxter also received several new companies last night, and a large supply of ammunition. The Federal forces have agreed that hereafter they will not interfere with either party outside the limits of the thickly-settled part of the city. Hereafter neither men nor supplies will be permitted to enter the Brooks quarters without a fight.

RESOLUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT TO BE PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

LITTLE ROCK, May 13.—The Legislature to-night appointed a joint committee to prepare resolutions to send to the President in reference to the present difficulties.

The House passed a resolution calling on Baxter to know whether or not Brooks had complied with the proposition of Baxter to vacate the State-house and leave the Legislature to settle the present trouble.

POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

NO ACTION UP TO MIDNIGHT—PROBABLE EFFECT OF AN APPEAL FROM THE LEGISLATURE FOR PROTECTION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Some action by the President was expected to-day in the Arkansas case, but no decision had been made up to midnight.

The information is received that a quorum of the Legislature has assembled, and a call from that body upon the President, in regular constitutional form, for assistance and protection, will probably solve the troublesome and disgraceful problem. There is no sort of doubt that the call of the Legislature will receive prompt attention. The result can hardly be anything else than the sustaining of Baxter in authority. If the action of the Government does not go directly to that extent, the whole power of the Federal Government will in any event be exercised to preserve the peace.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Up to a very late hour to-night no dispatches had been received by the Government from Arkansas containing any important information whatever, but private telegrams received here to-night say that there is a quorum of the Legislature in both Houses, and that the Government would be called upon for protection. It is believed here that the matter will be settled, so far as the General Government is concerned, to-morrow.

THE LIBERALS.

CONFERENCE AT ALBANY YESTERDAY—A STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 13.—The following representatives of the Liberal Republicans are now in this city for the purpose of holding a conference in regard to the political action of the party in the coming campaign: Messrs. John Cochrane, Benjamin F. Manierre, Chas. W. Godard, A. M. Bliss, Thos. E. Stewart, W. B. Selden, Ex-Assemblyman Niles, Col. E. B. Lansing, Alonzo Welch, and Mr. Swan, of the Poughkeepsie *News*.

The conference was in session at the Delevan House until midnight. There were about sixty present. The discussion was very full and free. Hon. Charles Hughes, of Washington presided, and Hon. Alfred Wagstaff, of New-York, acted as Secretary. Letters were read from the following-named gentlemen, strongly urging that the organization be maintained and that a State Convention be called: Samuel C. C. Cleveland, of Penn Yan; Hons. W. W. Rockwell and Sheldon, of Glen's Falls; J. V. White, of Port Byron; E. W. Hayden, of Port Byron; Gen. E. F. Jones, of Binghamton; G. D. A. Bridgeman, of Canandaigua; H. C. Lake, of Fredonia; R. R. Crowley, of Randolph; E. R. Reynolds, of Albion; M. L. Filkins, of Albany; Hon. Beman Brockway, of Watertown; L. C. Pratt, of White Plains; N. P. Hitchcock, of Pitcher, Chenango County; Col. Ethan Allan, of New-York; Judge Reynolds, of Brooklyn; Clark Bell, of New-York.

Delegates were present from the following counties: New-York, Kings, Richmond, Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Westchester, Alleghany, Washington, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Albany, St. Lawrence, Schenectady, Lewis, Wayne, Chemung, Orleans, Jefferson, Monroe, Ontario, Oneida, Otsego, Seneca, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Sullivan, Fulton, and Chenango.

On motion of Col. Willis it was resolved that the Liberal Republicans will in the future, as in the past, keep their organization intact.

On motion of Gen. Cochrane, amended by Col. Hughes, it was resolved that it is the sense of this meeting, without intending to prejudge its policy or action, that a State Convention be held at such time and place as the State Committee shall determine, and that the call should invite co-operation from all men or bodies of men in the State who favor honesty and purity in the Government, State, and nation. Adjourned.

THE MISSISSIPPI OVERFLOW.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 13.—About daylight yesterday morning the levee broke at Apperson's plantation, opposite Friar's Point. At the last account the crevasse was 150 yards wide, and the water spreading over the plantation—one of the finest in that section. The crevasse at Miller's, on the Mississippi side, is now 600 yards wide, and the water in the street of Friar's Point is three feet deep. Whole families are moving out, and the merchants are busily engaged in removing their goods. The entire country in the rear is rapidly being inundated. Some idea may be formed of the power of the water rushing through this crevasse by its tearing up huge cotton-wood trees, two and a half feet in diameter, and scattering them over the neighboring plantations. The steamers now all come through the Council Bend Cut-off.

AN INDIAN FIGHT—MURDER BY SIOUX—CUSTAR TO FOLLOW THEM.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13.—Reports from Bismarck state that on Wednesday last a battle took place between the Sioux and Gros Ventres, at Knife River, seventy-five miles above Bismarck, on the west bank of the Missouri. The battle lasted about half a day. One party retreated, hotly pursued by the other. About a dozen horses were left on the field.

Christopher Weaver, owner of a wood-yard between Forts Stephenson and Berthold, was murdered by Sioux Indians last Monday. Also, four or five Arickarees, in the same vicinity, were killed. Preparations are being made at Fort Abraham Lincoln, near Bismarck, to follow the Indians, if necessary. Gen. Custar's command is preparing to take the war-path.

PROBABLE PARDON FOR A NOTORIOUS BURGLAR.

CONCORD, N. H., May 13.—It is understood that Col. Whiteley, Chief of the United States Detectives, has applied to the Governor and Council for the pardon of Mark Shinburn, the notorious burglar. The ground of the application is said to be that he is an important witness for the United States in a counterfeiting case, and it is alleged that he is in Switzerland and fears to come back. It is also stated that he has been there since his escape from the State Prison here. He broke into the Walpole Savings Bank in November, 1864, and stole $40,000. He was arrested the next Spring in New-York, was tried in October, 1865, found guilty, and sentenced to the State Prison for ten years. After his sentence he escaped from jail at Keene, and was recaptured near Saratoga, N. Y. He then served several months in prison, when, on the 3d of December, 1866, he escaped again. It is believed that he lived in New-York until recently, when he went to Europe.

WASHINGTON.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

YESTERDAY'S DEBATE—THE STEAM-BOAT BILL PASSED YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE—THE COTTON TAX—CAUCUS OF SOUTHERN CONGRESSMEN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—But one vote was taken to-day on the Finance bill, and that was upon the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. Scott. It was rejected by a majority of 21, sixteen Senators voting for and thirty-seven against it. This amendment was to strike out the provision of the bill as originally reported, which requires national banks to keep as a reserve one-fourth of their coin interest, and insert instead a provision requiring banks to reserve one-third of the coin interest, unless they should prefer to exchange it for United States bonds specially issued for the purpose. The vote upon this amendment was reached without much debate, and after its rejection Mr. Wright moved to change the ratio between greenbacks to be retired and new bank notes issued from fifty to twenty-five per cent. Debate followed upon the proposed amendment, during which many of the old and familiar arguments were reiterated. Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would ask the Senate to sit the bill out to-morrow, but it is hardly probable that this can be done, as the scope of the debate seems to widen with every speech. The amendment offered by Mr. Wright, which is pending, is a vital issue in the bill. The inflationists and those who oppose them are each endeavoring to cipher out the result from the bill in favor of the other side. Gen. Logan claims that the bill will work contraction to a very considerable amount, while Mr. Scott shows, on the other hand, that when bank notes sufficient have been issued to reduce the volume of greenbacks to $300,000,000, there will be an actual increase of $42,000,000 in the currency afloat. The leading inflationists are very earnest in their endeavors to reduce the ratio of greenbacks to be retired to twenty-five per cent. There is considerable doubt about the vote on this proposition, as it is expected to be very close. Some of the hard-money men do not oppose Mr. Wright's amendment very earnestly, and some of those who voted for the Senate bill before will not be greatly troubled if the amendment fails. There is, after all, considerable doubt about the passage of any finance bill in such form as to secure the approval of the country.

THE STEAM-BOAT BILL.

The Steam-boat bill, which occupied most of the day in the House yesterday, was to-day concluded and passed, and several pages of the Deficiency Appropriation bill considered. It is now expected that all of the appropriation bills can pass the House this week, with the exception of the Sundry Civil bill, which always gives rise to extended debate. The Steam-boat bill, which passed to-day, is, in its essential features, the same as the revised Steam-boat code of last year. The bill consisted of seventy-six sections, of which thirty-three are existing law. This Steam-boat bill passed both branches of Congress last session, but failed in the Committee of Conference. The new Board of Inspectors, however, which was appointed about the time of the passage of this bill in the last Congress, has practically acted in accordance with its suggestions, so that no very radical changes will take place in the existing steam-boat regulations should this new revised code be enacted. The chief purpose of this bill has been to remove some of the very onerous restrictions upon steam-boat business imposed by the existing law. This is especially true as regards the vast number of patented articles which it is within the power of the inspectors to require steam-boat owners to use. These inspectors, however, acting in accordance with the spirit of this new bill, have declined to exercise the authority vested in them by the present statute. Another feature of the bill to-day is the additional protection against danger of explosions offered by the provisions as to the iron plates in boilers. The bill requires that makers of all steel plates shall stamp each plate with the name of his firm, and indicate the tensile strength for which he is willing to sell it. The inspector is also required to stamp it. The rejection of the plates of any maker would naturally tend to ruin his business. There is a further provision which definitely fixes the responsibility of owners of vessels for loss of life and loss or damage to property by accident. The present law in such cases, should the craft be insufficient to satisfy a judgment, holds every stockholder liable to the extent of his private fortune. The result has been that all the steam-crafts on the Western rivers have either passed into the hands of irresponsible parties, or if held by responsible persons have their ownership concealed by fictitious names difficult to be traced. This bill to-day extends the provisions of the common law enforced upon the ocean and lakes to the Western rivers, and relieves a grievance of which Western capitalists have long complained.

THE COTTON TAX AND THE CENTENNIAL.

Some weeks ago there was a caucus of the Southern members for the purpose of attempting to perfect a bill for the refunding of the cotton tax. At this caucus a committee was appointed to consider the various bills proposed, and to report to an adjourned caucus. The adjourned caucus was called by Mr. Lamar to meet this morning, but only about fifteen of the 101 Southern members answered the call. This unenthusiastic support is not indicative of the final success of the bill. It has been suggested by some of the friends of this scheme that a combination might be formed with the friends of the centennial, as to secure success, both of the cotton-tax scheme and of the centennial appropriation. It had been expected that this plan would be considered this morning in the caucus, but the thin attendance prevented it. It does not appear whether many of the friends of the centennial have countenanced any such suggestions, although it is claimed that some have agreed to it.

THE SURVEY INVESTIGATION.

In the Public Lands Committee the investigation of the methods of survey west of the hundredth meridian was continued to-day. Lieut. Wheeler closed his statement, and part of Prof. Hayden's was heard. Lieut. Wheeler was examined as to the ability of the Engineer Department to carry on the scientific part of the surveys without the aid of civilians, and also as to the cost of the work done under his direction. It seems that the $90,000 expended by him was used in scientific work, and there is a dispute as to whether the pay of officers and soldiers, the cost of mules and horses, of rations and forage, transportation, and similar charges, paid out of other funds besides the appropriation for the survey, are properly chargeable to the cost of his explorations. Of course Lieut. Wheeler claims the negative. He has also been asked by the committee to place before them the publications resulting from his surveys. It is not expected that the thorough investigation which this surveying business ought to have will be accomplished this session, owing to the late time at which it was taken up. Probably some arrangement will be made for all of the parties to proceed with their work this season, and for a thorough and complete investigation to be made before the appropriations for the next session shall be made.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

The House Committee on the Judiciary secured an order this morning directing that the bill relative to the distribution of the Geneva award may be discussed in the House at any time without going to the Committee of the Whole. It is possible that there may still be some modifications of the bill which was yesterday adopted. There is much dissatisfaction already manifested on the part of the war premium claimants upon the award, on the ground that they are to be reimbursed through the mutual insurance companies, according to the provisions of the House bill. They contend that the mutual insurance companies made no distinction, in point of fact, between the marine and war risks, and that consequently it would be quite unjust for the marine insurers to participate in the distribution of the award. The different classes of claimants are very difficult to please in the provisions for the distribution of the award, and there are not a few members of Congress who would be glad to pass a bill sending the whole case to the courts for decision as to the equity of each class of claims, and the appointing a kind of auditing commission to pass upon individual claims in accordance with the judgments of the courts on the different classes. The principle on which all contend the money should be distributed is to pay actual losses, but it has become a difficult matter to find upon whom such losses fall.

FIBRE PAPER CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Banking and Currency took additional evidence relative to the question of fibre paper in the manufacture of notes and bonds. The special point was to ascertain the relative value of hand-made and machine-made fibre paper. The preponderance of the evidence appeared to indicate that the best average quality of paper was manufactured by machinery, but that certainly there were experts who, in some cases, could make a much better quality of paper by hand. Mr. Hudson, of Connecticut, who yesterday represented that he had offered to supply the paper at about sixty per cent. less than the Treasury contract prices, to-day based his bid upon estimates for machine-made paper, while the Treasury contracts were let for hand-made paper, it being then the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury that the hand-made paper could be less easily counterfeited, and was consequently more valuable.

GEN. BUTLER'S POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS ENDED.

Gen. Butler several times since his recent illness has stated to members without concealment that he does not intend to be a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts nor for re-election to the next Congress. He says that his private law business is sufficient to occupy all the time which he desires to give to affairs. Gen. Butler is also known to be quite anxious that the House should act on the report of the Committee on Ways and Means in the matter of the Sanborn contracts without debate. He does not wish to take part in the debate, but he would feel compelled to should discussion ensue. This proposition has been suggested to the members of the Committee on Ways and Means, but is not favorably received. It is known that Messrs. Dawes, Foster, Beck, and possibly Ellis H. Roberts, desire to speak upon the subject.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: George W. True, to be Surveyor of Customs for the District of Portland and Falmouth, Me.; Wm. K. Hollenbeck, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Dakota Territory. To be Postmasters—Charles H. Harding, at Bradford, Vt.; Henry L. Whitcomb, at Concord, Mass; Miss J. H. Wilde, at Framingham, Mass.; Jas. T. Fiske, at Holliston, Mass.; Silas Poole, at Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Franklin Williams, at Stonington, Conn.; Ezra Sprague, at Derby, Conn.; George Lander, at Fayettoville, N. C.; Pierce B. Hawkins, at Bowling Green, Ky.; Charles O. Burton, at Stockton, Cal.; George W. McAdam, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations: Joseph C. Abbott, Collector of Customs, Wilmington, N. C.; Philip Clayton, of Georgia, Consul at Callao; David J. Williamson, of California, Consul at Valparaiso; James G. Grundley, Consul at Kingston, Jamaica; Geo. W. McAdam, Postmaster, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Alonzo G. Sharp, Collector of Internal Revenue Third District, Tennessee; Lewis Stowe, Indian Agent, Chippewa Agency, Minnesota; J. M. Hodge, Receiver of Public Moneys, Cawker City, Kan.; Edward M. Brown, Receiver of Public Moneys for the Bismarck Land District, Dakota.

THE TURF.

LEXINGTON RACES—THIRD DAY.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 13.—The weather continues fine. The track is in good condition and the attendance is large. The following are the events of the third day:

FIRST RACE.—Sweepstakes for three-year olds which have never won a race; mile heats; eleven entries. Six started.

The pool betting stood: Dudley, $55; McGibbon's entry, $33; Gill & Logan's, $22; field, $20.

The race was well contested, and was won by Dudley in the second and third heats.

After the second heat, horses not having won a heat were excluded. Result:

Dudley	2	1	1
Gill & Logan's ch. f., by Lexington	1	2	2
McGibbon's ch. f.	3	3	

Time—1:44½, 1:46, 1:43½.

Second race, for purse of $300, two-mile heats; five horses started.

Pools sold as follows: Jury, $165; Gleaner, $144; field, $21.

Jury and Gleaner were alternately favorites.

The race was won by Jury, being the best contested and most exciting race of the meeting.

The following is the result:

Jury	3	0	1	1
Gleaner	1	3	3	2
Donerail	5	0	2	
McGibbon's b. f. Red Eye	4	4		
Token	2	dis.		

Time—3:46½, 3:36¾, 3:45¾, 3:51½.

The second heat was a dead one between Donerail and Jury. After this heat the pools sold: Gleaner, $110; Donerail, $40, and Jury, $35. After the third heat large odds were given on Jury.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 13.—In the first race the following horses started: Dudley Petty's Gilt Star, Gill & Logan's ch. f. by Lexington, McGibben's ch. f. by Asteroid, and Bonnie Meer.

In the second race the following horses started: The Gleaner, Downing's, b. c. by Donerail, Token, Jury, and McGibbon's b. f. by Red Eye.

THE DANSVILLE FOSSILS.

DANSVILLE, N. Y., May 13.—Additional bones of the Dansville mastodon have been unearthed, and the excavation is still going forward. Prof. Jerome Allen, of the Genesee Normal School, has examined the remains, and thinks they are of a larger animal than any mastodon hitherto discovered. He estimates that it was fourteen feet high and twenty feet long, or forty feet long measuring from the tips of the tusks to the end of the tail, and that it weighed twenty-five tons.

CUBA.

THE NEW DECREES—IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES—THE CHINESE COMMISSION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Friday, May 8, 1874.

If paper bullets will end a war, the recent decrees of the Governor General, who, during the past month, has issued them in profusion, would go far toward that end. Concha has turned his attention to a variety of subjects in this line, and on each has issued a decree. The financial situation was his first care, and in a series of acts, already placed on record by your correspondent, he has endeavored to give this important question some sort of a solution, and to restore confidence in the finance measures adopted by the Government for the prosecution of the war.

But the military status of the country has mainly taken up his attention. He has somewhat modified the decrees issued by Gen. Jovellar, on the 7th of February last, calling for volunteer service in the field. Gen. Concha's assurance to the Home Government that he would find resources in Cuba, without calling upon Spain, to put down the insurrection, had yet to be tried, and for the purpose of testing the sentiment of the volunteers on the subject, he held the review described in a former letter, and which evidently proved to him that the volunteer element of Havana was the safest kind of a home-guard—in a satirical sense, be it understood. Since then, however, the different battalions have furnished the contingents required of them by the decree, and these have already been sent onward to the "Trocha," and to do garrison duty in the insurrectionary districts. But to fill these contingents many substitutes were provided, and substitute offices—a new thing in Cuba—were opened and did quite a brisk business. Next the decree concerning the contribution of shares to aid in the labors attendant on the prosecution of operations, was enforced, and numbers of them have been brought in squads from the surrounding districts, quartered in the Cabañas fort for a few days for examination and enrollment, and then sent to the front. This was too good an opportunity to be passed over by many planters and slave-owners, anxious to get rid of troublesome negroes under the pretext of patriotism. During the last week over 150 negroes were rejected as "inutil," or useless, and sent back to their owners. At first substitutes were allowed, and even whites were permitted to serve in the place of the negroes, but this was quickly stopped by another decree, and only negroes, and those necessarily slaves, were allowed. In some instances in order to redeem a favorite servant who had fallen into the clutches of the Government officers and been taken away, the owner has bought another negro out and out to replace him.

In further compliance of the decrees of Feb. 7, as modified by Concha to embrace all persons between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, subject to enrollment in the Militia, lists of the names of all those subject to such enrollment have been publicly posted in the Government offices, for the purpose of allowing those whose names appear therein, but who consider themselves exempt, to make the proper statements, and, if necessary, have their names stricken off, which must be done before the 15th inst. The staircases leading to the municipal offices in the Government building are continually crowded by persons anxious to see if their names have been inscribed in the lists affixed to the walls.

The last "batch" of official decrees appeared in the gazette of the 5th inst. It included a circular reorganizing the Board of Inspection of Provisions in the Commissary Department, which is intended to protect the health and lives of those in campaign, another applying the exemptions of article 10 of the decree of April 23 relative to the Militia, to the corps of firemen, (*Pomberos,*) who are for the most part free blacks and mulattoes and have families dependent upon them, and another relating to Custom-house regulations, and a decree by the Governor General re-establishing the battalions of "Pardos y Morenos," (blacks and mulattoes,) which were created in 1776 under the title of Colored Militia. The preamble to this decree gives the history of this corps as follows:

"In all times the colored race, freedmen as well as slaves, has been distinguished by its adherence and fidelity to the Spanish flag, not alone in Cuba, but in the ancient possessions of Spain on the American continent; and this sentiment has been due to the wisdom of the old laws of the Indies, and of the character and habits of the Spaniards, who have made the different races which peopled their ancient domains their own. This spirit has been preserved, and always will be preserved, in the colored classes of Cuba, a model of loyalty and respect of authority; and history has already recorded their glorious services, and the proofs of adherence to Spain, which the Militia of blacks and mulattoes of Cuba have given in Florida, as well as in the defense of the c stle of San Juan De Ulloa. This corps, created in the year 1776, was suppressed in 1844 by circumstances due to the period, but not because it had given any reason whatever for doubt as to its loyalty. After some time, in 1855, the Captain General of the island, confiding completely in the Spanish sentiments of the colored classes, created, simultaneously with the volunteer corps, twenty-two companies of colored Militia, which were afterward organized into two divisions, and have since the Yara insurrection been rendering important service in the field, and become notable for their valor, discipline, and loyalty to Spain."

The references to the habits of the Spaniards of appropriating the different races which peopled their ancient possessions; to the suppression of the colored Militia in 1844, the period of the famous negro outbreak and insurrection, as the result of "circumstances due to the time," and to the continued loyalty of the colored race to the Spanish flag, will be much relished.

The *Voz de Cuba* has had its attention attracted to emigration from this place to the nearest United States port—Key West—and in a number of spiteful notices calls public attention to the fact. It remarks that by the steamer Margaret, on her last trip, over eighty passengers left for that place, and among them sixty with Spanish patronymics. It also observes, with a sort of glee, that eight were taken off, because unprovided with passports and endeavoring to escape the duties of Spanish citizenship.

The *Diario* of this morning has among its latest items a short notice to the effect that the Governor General had ordered that Mr. William Lauten, the German and British Vice Consul in Manzanillo, should cease to discharge his consular duties and immediately leave the island, giving him ten days to depart. The reason of this arbitrary order is stated to be a suspicion of his connection with the insurgents. Mr. Lauten is a German merchant, nearly sixty years of age, who has been engaged in commerce in Manzanillo for many years, and is a great friend to Americans. American correspondents received attentions at his hands, and it is more than probable that Mr. Dockray, the American now under arrest at Puerto Principe, was welcomed by him. All this may have cast suspicion on Mr. Lauten.

Chin-lau-pin, the Chinese Commissioner, and his suite, have taken out their passports, and intend to leave, some for New-York and others for New-Orleans, to-day. During the last few days Chin-lau-pin has been extremely busy visiting the Chinamen of Regla and Guanabacoa, and has also dined with Don Julian De Zulueta, the Alcalde Corregidor, or Mayor of this city. Yesterday evening he "assisted," as the phrase goes, at the table of the Captain General. During his stay in this island Chin-lau-pin and the gentlemen who compose his suite have been most actively investigating the condition of the Chinese-coolie class, and planning measures for their relief. Among the principal ones has been the arrangement of a more perfect system of registration and of facilities for receiving and forwarding correspondence, and the establishment among the Chinamen of a mutual aid and relief society. Chin-lau-pin's visit to Cuba will undoubtedly result in great benefits to the Chinese laborers of the island.

The public execution of two highwaymen took place on Wednesday morning last near the Puntas.... The authorities continue raiding upon the gambling houses and shops where petty gambling is permitted.... The ball given last Saturday at Marianao, which was attended by Gen. Concha, produced over $2,000 for the benefit of the Foundling Asylum....

The United States steamer Gettysburg, Capt. Ritchie, came in Wednesday and sailed the same evening.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

LETTER FROM MR. JOHN BRIGHT TO MR. EATON ON THE ENGLISH SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Hon. Dorman B. Eaton, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, has received the following letter from Mr. John Bright:

LONDON, April 20, 1874.

DEAR SIR: I am sorry I have been so long in replying to your letter, and now I do not feel that I can say much that will be of use to you. The working of our civil service has met with general approval, and, after the experience of some years, it would be now impossible to go back to the old system. The present plan is one which is felt to be more just to all classes, and it is calculated to supply more capable men for the various departments of the public service. You are, doubtless, aware that appointments with us are, to a large extent, of a permanent character. No changes in persons employed in Government offices, in the Customs, Excise, Post Offices, and Telegraph Departments take place on a change of Government, and thus we avoid a vast source of disturbance and corruption which would be opened if the contrary plan were adopted. In these days, when so much is done by the Governments, and when so many persons are employed by them, it seems absolutely necessary to take precautions against the selection of incompetent men and against the corruption which under the purest administrations is always a menacing evil. Your proposed reform is a great undertaking. I hope the good sense of your people will enable you to complete it. All the friends of your country in other nations will congratulate you on your success. I have directed to be forwarded to you some of our Parliamentary publications, that you may know the latest facts connected with what is doing here in the matter of our civil service.

I am, with great respect, yours very sincerely,
JOHN BRIGHT.

THE CONNECTICUT SENATORSHIP.

NOMINATION OF W. W. EATON BY THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-HAVEN, May 13.—The Democratic caucus was held with closed doors to begin with, and Mr. Stark, of New-London, took the chair; but soon after organizing, a motion to admit reporters, (a motion to admit spectators had been voted down,) was passed nearly unanimously. An informal ballot was proceeded with without debate, and resulted as follows: W. W. Eaton, 91; Wm. H. Barnum, 46; Chas. B. Ingersoll, 20. Mr. Judd, of Stratford, moved to nominate Mr. Eaton by acclamation, and this was carried unanimously. By reference to your detailed canvass of the vote as dispatched from here last night it will be seen that the estimate of Eaton's strength was within two votes of what he received, and the scattering within four. There were three absentees, who were accounted for in the forecast. The result is a great and stinging disappointment to the Barnum men, and they say there has been some "tall lying" somewhere. Mr. Eaton's friends are very jubilant. After the caucus adjourned a meeting in the Representatives' Hall was reorganized, and Mr. Eaton made a short speech of thanks, assuring his friends that, if elected, he would look after the protection of their interests and stand by the honor of their State. He foresaw difficulties between the West and Middle and Eastern States, and said that the only way New-England can retain its power is by the politic exercise of brains.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

THE REMEASUREMENTS ORDERED BY THE COMMITTEE—AN IMPORTANT REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED—THE SAFE BURGLARY AFFAIR.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The engineer appointed by the District Investigation Committee to remeasure the work which the Government appropriated a million and a quarter of dollars to pay for is ready to submit the results of his labor to the committee, and it is understood he will be heard to-morrow. This is a very important feature of the investigation. False measurements were charged, and no doubt the charge was honestly believed by those who made it. Concerning the evidences on most of the charges, there may be honest differences of opinion, but here is a feature capable of mathematical demonstration. The specific work is charged for, and the details of amount and cost are given. Within a few days the claim has been freely made in private conversation that not a fourth of the amount charged the Government was ever expended by the board on the works for which collection was made. The results of the remeasurements are awaited with great interest, and will have an important influence in determining the judgment of the committee on the general issues.

Concerning the safe robbery now investigating by the committee, there has been a good deal of scandal, and it is very desirable that the whole truth should be discovered. Up to this time there has been no trustworthy information regarding it, and no statement could be made on knowledge and information that would throw any light on the mysterious affair.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

A fire yesterday morning, on the corner of St. John and St. Joseph streets, Montreal, destroyed McKennon's biscuit factory and two small dwelling-houses adjoining; also a dwelling and ice-house on the opposite side of St. John street. Loss about $30,000.

A supposed incendiary fire at Courtland, Ala., Tuesday night, destroyed a large portion of the business part of the town, including the stores of J. W. Falk, Jno. S. Simpson, Mr. Pippin, Houston & Edwards, and the Post Office. The loss is estimated at between $50,000 and $75,000; no insurance.

LOCAL FIRES.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a fire occurred on the second and third floors of No. 127 Waverley place, occupied by E. P. Gargais & Co., embroideries; damage to stock and furniture, $2,000; insured for $1,000 in the Park Company. The building is owned by a Mr. Rodman, and is damaged to the extent of $600; insured for $6,000. The fire was caused by a gas-stove.

A fire broke out at midnight of the 13th in a large frame house on Canal street, Stapleton, Staten Island, owned by Mr. Simon, and occupied by Taylor Brothers as a sash and blind factory. The building was entirely destroyed. The loss is heavy, as the material and tools were costly. It is represented that the fire insurance companies have refused to take risks on this property in consequence of the repeated attempts to set it on fire. About the same time of the above fire, the old negro church on Gove street, Stapleton, took fire and was nearly destroyed. It is generally believed that both buildings were set on fire.

THE MASTER MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 13.—The Master Mechanics' Association is in session to-day, 116 members being present. Dr. Joseph G. Rogers, of Madison, Ind., read an exceedingly interesting paper on steam boilers, their incrustations, and the purification of the water for use in boilers. His remarks were illustrated by a series of interesting experiments. The subject of Dr. Rogers' paper was then discussed at length by the association. The question of establishing a mechanical laboratory at some point in the United States was then discussed quite fully, the prevailing opinion appearing to be opposed to the scheme. Reports from committees on the subject of fuel, and on the subject of boiler explosions were received, and the latter was recommitted to the committee.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

GROUNDING OF THE IMPERIAL YACHT IN LEAVING FLUSHING HARBOR.

LONDON, May 13.—The Russian imperial yacht Dershava, with the Czar on board, went aground yesterday while leaving the Harbor of Flushing, and was not floated until 11 o'clock this morning. An immense number of persons have left here for Gravesend to welcome his Majesty, and large crowds, not aware of his detention, are gathered at the railway stations by which the train bearing him will pass. In this city flags are flying at all points. A rumor is current in London this afternoon that he will land at Dover instead of Gravesend; at all events he will not reach these shores before 6 o'clock this afternoon, which will be several hours behind the time fixed in the official programme.

ARRIVAL OF THE CZAR AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

LONDON, May 13.—The Czar and the Grand Duke Alexis arrived at Dover at 7 o'clock this evening. Immense crowds witnessed the debarkation of the party, and greeted them with hearty enthusiasm.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Arthur were waiting to receive the Imperial visitors, and conducted them at once to Windsor Castle, where they arrived at 10 o'clock to-night.

SPAIN.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW MINISTRY.

MADRID, May 13.—A new Ministry is announced this morning. It is constituted as follows:

Zabala, President of the Council and Minister of War.
Sagasta, Minister of the Interior.
Ulloa, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Camacho, Minister of Finance.
Alonzo Martinez, Minister of Justice.
Alonzo Colmenarez, Minister of Public Works.
Romero Ortiz, Minister of

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—May 13.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock.

THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION FOR THE FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Mr. SARGENT called up the House bill repealing the act fixing the time for the election of Representatives in Congress in the State of California, and it was passed.

WEST VIRGINIA'S WAR CLAIMS.

Mr. DAVIS, of West Virginia, by unanimous consent, addressed the Senate upon the bill introduced by him appropriating $500,000 to reimburse the State of West Virginia and its citizens for losses incurred by reason of the destruction of bridges, court-houses, school-houses, churches, and other property, by Federal troops during the late war. He spoke of the organization of his State Government and the situation of the State during the war, claiming that she had been loyal to the Government from the very beginning, but, from her peculiar situation, was forced to bear the brunt of hard knocks and cruel blows from both contending armies.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Finance bill.

Mr. SHERMAN said it was not his purpose to open any general financial debate on this bill, as every topic embraced in it was freely discussed in the early days of the session. The central idea of this bill was to make the business of banking free to all upon the same terms and conditions. The country now had nearly two thousand national banks authorized to issue $354,000,000, and the proposition for free banking was an experiment, though he was willing to give it a trial. Every dollar of national bank currency was secured by one dollar and fifteen cents deposited in the Treasury, yet the circulation of national banks was worth only eighty-nine cents on the dollar. It was not a question of security, but a question when will the notes be paid? He argued that free banking would be fatal unless accompanied, by some provision to provide for a coin redemption. If the Government should at once assume the responsibility of issuing all the circulating medium the amount of interest saved to the Government would be about $13,675,000; but to abolish the national banks the Government would lose about $18,000,000 taxes now imposed upon them. Another difficulty in regard to the United States issuing all the currency was that it could only be paid out for Government dues. Government notes had not that quality of flexibility which is indispensable to a circulating medium. The Government cannot loan money; cannot move the crops, or enter into the business of banking. Another objection was that with but one-third of the currency issued by the Government there would be no possibility of an equal distribution; nothing to secure loans or promote discounts and exchanges. He knew many feared free banking, and would vote for it with some hesitancy. There were some advantages in the system which he would not pass by, and one of the first was that it would repeal the monopoly in banking; and if there was anything which the American people hated it was monopoly. The word "monopoly" was one of the most odious in the English language. He explained the provisions for redemption contained in the bill, and said without them he would never vote for free banking. The Finance Committee had gone further as far as it could consistently with the fair and honor of the Government. The eighth section of the bill, authorizing the retirement of fifty per cent. in greenbacks as the new national bank notes are issued, till the volume of greenbacks shall be reduced to $300,000,000, he regarded as one of its most important features. He submitted to the Senate that it should take the bill as a whole, and not tear it to pieces.

Mr. LOGAN inquired what would be the general result of the bill, whether it would be for inflation or contraction.

Mr. SHERMAN replied that one of the sections provided for expansion and another for contraction. The general effect upon the whole would be to expand the currency, but with such restrictions and limitations as not to cause depreciation.

Mr. LOGAN said that the second and third sections of the bill would work a contraction of over $40,000,000. The bill did a good deal more than it intended to do. He denied that it gave any increase to the currency, and that there was anything in it except the name of free banking. It provided for the retirement first of fifty per cent. of greenbacks as new national bank notes were issued, and also compelled them to keep twenty-five per cent. in legal tenders upon the amount of their deposits, and an additional five per cent. in the Treasury for redemption purposes, so that it worked contraction to the extent of eighty per cent.

Mr. WRIGHT gave notice that he would offer an amendment providing that an amount of United States notes equal to twenty-five per cent. of the additional national bank notes issued, should be retired, instead of fifty per cent., as reported by the committee.

Mr. SCOTT called up the amendment of the Finance Committee presented by him yesterday, which proposes to strike out the clause requiring the national banks to keep and maintain as a part of their reserve one-fourth part of coin received by them as interest on the bonds of the United States deposited as security for circulating notes or Government bonds, and insert in lieu thereof a provision requiring national banks to keep as a part of their reserve one-third of coin received as interest on bonds deposited with the Government, unless the bank shall elect to exchange such proportion of coin for bonds of the United States, of the character herein provided for, which shall thereupon, until the list of January, 1876, be delivered to them by the Secretary of the Treasury, marked upon their face as "bonds authorized for reserve," and which may afterward be held by the bank and considered as part of its reserve, three per centum only of the interest upon which bonds shall be paid to the bank, or to any holder thereof, and the remaining two per cent. shall be retained by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the whole amount of gold thus received shall be applied by him exclusively to the payment of the six per centum five-twenty bonds of the United States.

Mr. SCOTT said he offered the amendment in the interest of the Government, and for the convenience of the banks.

Mr. SCHURZ said the reserve which the banks are required to keep as for the purpose of paying depositors should they draw it out, and the reserve should be in the currency of the country. Gold is not the currency at this time and had no business in bank reserves.

The amendment was rejected—yeas 16, nays 37, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alcorn, Anthony, Bayard, Chandler, Conkling, Hurlbut, Ferry of Michigan, Flanagan, Gilbert, Hamilton of Missouri, Hamlin, Ingalls, Jones, Scott, Sherman, Stockton—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Allison, Bogy, Boreman, Boutwell, Buckingham, Carpenter, Clayton, Cooper, Dennis, Fenton, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Hager, Hamilton of Texas, Harvey, Hitchcock, Howe, Johnston, Logan, McCreery, Merrimon, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Oglesby, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Sargent, Schurz, Sprague, Tipton, Wadleigh, Washburn, West, Windom, Wright—37.

Mr. WRIGHT submitted the amendment, of which he gave notice, to strike out fifty per cent. and insert twenty-five per cent. as the amount of greenbacks to be retired.

Mr. CHANDLER said this amendment was evidently intended to kill the bill, and if it prevailed he would move to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. WRIGHT said he offered the amendment in a spirit of fairness, and with the hope of agreeing on a bill.

Mr. HOWE said if there was anything which he deemed a deep national disgrace it was the fact that we had millions and millions of national promises discredited and discounted at every pea-nut stand in the country. He wanted to get rid of this state of affairs, though he desired to avoid contraction if possible, as that would be injurious to a portion of the country.

Mr. CHANDLER said he was willing to meet those who favored inflation by voting for this bill, but if it was to be amended as proposed he had no doubt it would be met by a veto.

The Chair (Mr. CARPENTER) called the gentleman to order, and announced that it was improper for the Senator to allude to a prospective veto.

Mr. CHANDLER begged pardon, and said his opinion was founded upon the sentiment expressed by the President in his veto message.

Mr. MORTON said he did not believe it was to the interest of the Government to convert any part of its non-interest-paying debt into an interest-paying debt. It seemed to be generally conceded that free banking should be authorized, and the monopoly feature of the present national banking system destroyed, which had made it many enemies. But the price of free banking was to be the retirement of fifty per cent. in greenbacks, to which he was opposed. He argued that the bill was in the interest of contractors. He would vote for the amendment, though he opposed the retirement of any greenbacks, as he did not believe that was a proper step toward a return to specie payments. The President, in his late message, boldly met the issue by stating substantially that the way to return to specie payments was first to get the gold to do it with.

Mr. SHERMAN said that if the Senate wanted to do away with the reserves in the national banks it could do so, but they would break, as sure as fate, if they did not keep from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. in reserve for emergencies. He was not sure but that he had gone too far to meet the demands of those who wanted more money, and now this important clause was met with a proposition to allow the banks to issue $4,000,000 upon the retirement of $1,000,000 in greenbacks.

Pending the discussion on Mr. WRIGHT's amendment, Mr. ANTHONY moved that the Senate proceed to executive business.

Mr. SHERMAN gave notice that to-morrow he would ask the Senate to remain in session and finish the Finance bill.

Mr. SPRAGUE, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported with amendments the House bill to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. SAULSBURY, of Delaware, gave notice that on the 26th inst. he would call up the Alabama Contested Election case of Sykes against Spencer.

The Indian Appropriation bill was received from the House and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. ANTHONY's motion was then agreed to, and at 4:15 o'clock P. M. the Senate went into executive session, after which the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave for the Judiciary Committee to report at any time the Geneva Award bill.

SECURITY FOR LIFE ON STEAM VESSELS.

The House then, at 11:30 o'clock, went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. PARKER, of Missouri, in the chair, on the bill to amend the law of Feb. 28, 1871, for the better security of life on board of steam vessels. The bill was reported to the House and passed, the title being amended so as to read: "To revise, amend, and consolidate the laws relating to the security of life on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam."

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House then, at 2:45 o'clock P. M., went again into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Niblack, of Indiana, in the chair,) on the Deficiency bill.

After progressing as far as the eighteenth page without any noteworthy discussion, the committee rose.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

The Senate bill to distribute the Geneva award was taken from the Speaker's table and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The House then, at 4:30 o'clock, adjourned.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ARSON TRIAL.

Jonathan Palmer Loper, a gentleman of wealthy and respectable connections, a son of the former owner of the yacht America, and formerly owner of the yacht Midge, was placed on trial yesterday, in the Court of General Sessions, on an indictment containing two counts for arson in the first and third degrees. The prisoner is charged with setting fire to the stables and feed store of Herbert H. Muxlow, corner of Madison avenue and Seventy-eighth street, and on the second count, with setting fire to the dwelling-house of Susan Woolley, adjoining, which was partially destroyed. From the evidence it appeared that Loper, being in financial difficulties, had employed Muxlow to remove his household effects in the night-time from Astoria to Eighth avenue, New-York. For this service he agreed to pay Muxlow $75, giving as security a bill of sale of the property. Loper did not pay the stipulated sum, and demanded the bill of sale from Muxlow, who refused to give it up until the amount was paid. After an excited altercation, Loper, in the presence of witnesses, threatened to burn the stables of Muxlow if the bill of sale was not delivered to him, and, as claimed by the prosecution, immediately proceeded to put his threat into execution. He secured the services of Joseph Grimes and James Kelly, after plying them with liquor, to set the barn and stables on fire, and on Christmas night all three committed the act, Loper being the guiding spirit in the affair. On arriving at the scene of the fire, Loper was one of the first persons seen by Muxlow. The stables of the latter, containing seven horses, two carriages, sixteen sets of harness, and other property, valued in all at about $6,000, entirely uninsured, were totally consumed, and the dwelling-house of Susan Woolley, adjoining, to which the flames communicated, was partially destroyed. The above facts were sworn to by Herbert H. Muxlow, who testified to the threats made by Loper, and by the accomplices Joseph Grimes and James Kelly, who stated that they had assisted Loper in burning the place, being promised $10 each by him for their services. The prisoner made three unsuccessful attempts to fire the premises, and finally ignited a hankerchief, which he handed in through a window to Grimes, directing him what to do with it. The two then left the burning premises, walked away some distance, and returned to watch the progress of the fire. In cross-examination Kelly admitted that he had once been tried for the murder of Dorian, at Jones' Wood, and acquitted. The case on trial to-day will be resumed to-day. The prisoner, who is said to be a fire maniac, is accompanied by his father, and defended by John O. Mott. District Attorney Rollins conducts the prosecution, and Fire Marshal Sheldon represents the Fire Department.

THE ELECTION IN THE NEW WARDS.

In pursuance of a notice which appeared in THE TIMES on Tuesday, a number of gentlemen representing the residents of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, comprising the territory recently taken from Westchester County and annexed to this City, assembled yesterday at the office of D. B. Hasbrouck, Chief of the Bureau of Elections, for the purpose of exchanging views in relation to the division of the new territory into convenient election districts, and the designation of places for holding the election. Among those present were Assemblyman Cauldwell, Postmaster Frisbee, of Morrisania; Wm. G. Ackerman, John A. Henry, Wm. B. Davidson, Phillip Duffy, Richard D. Hamilton, and Capts. Robbins and Steers, of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Precincts. By an act of the late Legislature, passed for the purpose of equalizing the population of the new wards, that portion of the town of West Farms lying east of the former town of Morrisania was taken from the town of West Farms and added to the town of Morrisania, which, with the addition, now constitutes the Twenty-third Ward. The Twenty-fourth Ward comprises the remainder of the former town of West Farms and the former town of King's Bridge. From the records of the County Clerk's Office it appears that the total vote for Secretary of State in the town of Morrisania was 2,780, West Farms 1,174, and King's Bridge 214. West Farms had but two polling places and King's Bridge one. The new distribution of election districts will be on a basis of 250 voters to each district, and the Twenty-third Ward will therefore be divided into twelve election districts and the Twenty-fourth Ward will have six or seven. Nothing definite has been decided upon yet, but the matter has been left in the hands of Mr. Hasbrouck, who will arrange the details and submit his report to the Police Commissioners for their approval.

A BOARDING-HOUSE STABBING AFFRAY.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Judge Sutherland presiding, District Attorney Rollins prosecuting, the trial of Michael Glancy, charged with stabbing Cornelius Mahoney, a fellow-boarder, at No. 488 Pearl street, on the 19th of April, was resumed. The prisoner, in his own defense, testified to the quarrel between himself and the complainant on the night of the stabbing. On going to his room, in which Mahoney also slept, about 2:30 o'clock next morning, he was attacked by complainant, who got out of bed and struck him three times on the head and once on the arm with a hammer. Being in a corner from which he found it impossible to escape, and fearing that he might do serious harm, prisoner took out his knife and made a thrust at Mahoney, but could not tell whether he had been stabbed or not. The prisoner's head bore several severe cuts, which he said had been inflicted by Mahoney. Dr. Wilson, of the Park Hospital, testified that he dressed several severe, though not dangerous, wounds on Glancy's head, in the same room in which Mahoney lay stabbed, on the night of the affray. District Attorney Rollins produced rebutting testimony to show that on the night of the stabbing Glancy was heard to say that he should use a knife on Mahoney. The jury found the prisoner guilty of an assault with intent to do bodily harm, and he was sent to State Prison for five years.

CITY HALL NOTES.

A deputation of the managers of the Mount Sinai Hospital, headed by Mr. Emanuel B. Hart, called on the Mayor yesterday, and requested him to appropriate a portion of the excise money for the benefit of the institution. The Mayor said the request was reasonable, and that he would give it due consideration....Gen. Pinckney, the Clerk of the Common Council, has compiled THE TIMES reports of the street cleaning investigation for the use of the Aldermanic committee appointed on the subject.... Mayor Havemeyer has not yet examined the charges preferred against the Department of Charities before the Grand Jury, but it is said that he will do so in a few days. Among those who called on the Mayor yesterday were Controller Green, Chamberlain Lane, Tax Commissioners Wheeler and Moulton, Senator McGowan, of Herkimer County; Excise Commissioners Marshall and Vorhies, Justice Ramsden, John J. O'Brien, Gen. Charles Blackie, Aldermen Monheimer and Morris, Assemblyman Biglin, and others....There are many candidates for the office of Private Secretary to the Mayor, but no selection has yet been made.

POLICE TRIALS.

President Gardner yesterday heard evidence in over fifty complaints against delinquent Policemen. Patrolman Ambrose F. Clark, of the First Precinct, was found guilty of being asleep on post, and was recommended to be dismissed the department. Patrolman Eugene D. Powellson, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, was charged with having, while on the sick list, gone on a "spree," and will be dismissed the department. Patrolman Palmer, of the Fifth Precinct, was arraigned for standing in conversation with a female for fifteen minutes while on patrol duty. This charge was fully proven, and President Gardner called the officer's attention to his bad record. He was appointed in 1867, and since that time has had over twenty complaints made against him, and has been fined seventy days' pay, or $231 25. The case was referred to the board, and it is more than probable that he will be dismissed.

THE NEW COURT-HOUSE DIFFICULTY.

Commissioner Van Nort received yesterday a list of the employes in the new Court-house. The whole number is seventy, of which thirty are scrubwomen. As stated in Thursday's TIMES, Mr. Van Nort contends that the supplemental amendment to the Consolidation bill gives him exclusive power over the building, and that a bill conferring the jurisdiction on the Mayor and Controller was defeated in the Legislature. He says that he has obtained legal advice on the subject, and intends to maintain his position. The Court-house Commissioners have appointed Mr. Calvert Vaux, the architect, to furnish plans for the completion of the building. No estimate has yet been made of the cost of the entire work.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met yesterday at the hall, corner of Elm and Grand streets. Mr. W. H. Neilson, presided. The Chairman announced that he had received a copy of the Compulsory Education bill which passed the Legislature at Albany last session, and which has been recently signed by the Governor. The reading of the bill was dispensed with, and it was ordered that it be printed on the minutes, to give the members of the board an opportunity of making themselves acquainted with its provisions. A circular received by the City Superintendent from those having charge of the Lincoln memorial was submitted to the board, and referred to the Committee on Course of Studies. Commissioner Farr handed in a communication from Prof. A. H. Dundon resigning his position as Vice President of the Normal College. The resignation was accepted, and a resolution was adopted by the board retaining him his position of Professor of the English and Latin Languages at his former compensation. A resolution to abolish the office of Vice President of the Normal College was referred to the Committee on By-laws. A proposal to amend the by-laws in accordance with the abolition of that office was similarly referred. After disposing of the usual routine business, the board adjourned.

WALL STREET NOTES.

Stocks were dull yesterday and prices very changeable, and on the whole lower than the previous day's quotations. Union Pacific and Wabash showed comparatively greater depression than the other stocks, falling off about one and a half per cent. At the Stock Exchange in the morning the call was omitted as a tribute to the memory of the late Jacob Hays, a member of the Exchange. The new Finance bill introduced in the Senate yesterday received but very little attention from financiers. They do not believe Congress will pass any such measure this session, and as matters now stand they believe it would be wise to postpone action until the next session of Congress. The bears, yesterday, as well as on the previous day, circulated reports respecting the health of a prominent railroad gentleman, with a view of depressing well-known stocks, but, this being an "old game," very few persons were found to pay attention to the rumors. The suit instituted by Musgrave & Co., of Broad street, against the Canada Southern Railroad has been withdrawn.

Yesterday lease for ten years of part of the property of the Spring Mountain Coal Company to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company was signed in Philadelphia. The Lehigh Company are to pay, without any condition or reservation, seven per cent. upon the capital stock, in semi-annual payments. The Spring Mountain Company are also to receive one-half of any profit realized from the business in excess of said seven per cent., in each and every year when made, the railroad company agreeing not to charge for transportation any higher rate than is paid by other parties in the same region. The Spring Mountain Company also reserves properties and privileges which will probably be made to realize one per cent. additional dividend annually to the stockholders, in addition to the participation in the net profits of the mining operations.

The lease of the Atlantic and Great Western to Erie has not yet been signed. The joint committee was in session yesterday endeavoring to agree as to details, but the end has not yet been reached.

Commodore Vanderbilt's negotiations for a loan on account of the Lake Shore Railroad have not yet been concluded, but it is understood the $3,000,000 required to liquidate the floating debt can be easily obtained.

The Customs receipts, yesterday, were $270,000. The Sub-Treasury disbursed $245,000 on account of interest and $20,000 in redemption of called bonds. The steamer Cuba took out $67,000 in specie, and the bark Argonaut, and the Westphalia has $300,000 engaged for to-day. The Tybee was sold yesterday for the small sum of $10,000 to Capt. E. A. Delanoy. There was a large attendance at Pier No. 3 North River, where the sale took place, but very few bidders.

THE NEW-YORK, OSWEGO AND MIDLAND RAILROAD.

Messrs. A. D. Mather & Co., bankers, Utica, N. Y., have issued a circular to the first mortgage bondholders of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad Company inviting a meeting of such bondholders, or their representatives, at Utica on the 26th instant, for the purpose of considering and maturing some plan for united action to protect their interests. They state that they have carefully investigated the rival and conflicting claims, interests, and plans proposed by various parties and committees looking to the sale of the road under the first mortgage and a reorganization of a new company, and they have come to the conclusion that "your securities are in imminent danger of being greatly depreciated in value, if not wholly lost, and that their value largely depends upon prompt concert of action on our part." Messrs. Mather & Co. further say:

"The road is in bankruptcy; two foreclosure suits are now pending—one on the second and the other on the first mortgage. The Trustees of the first mortgage have been changed without their consent.

The road is in the hands of, and is now run by, the Receivers appointed in the foreclosure suits. The January interest on one bonds remains unpaid. The earnings of the road, as now managed, fail to pay running expenses, and dissolution of the whole concern is imminent. A decree in the foreclosure suit on our mortgage is likely to be entered at an early date, and the road sold at any time thereunder, and bid off by interested parties practically at their own price. It is also claimed by parties representing conflicting interests that the foreclosure suit under the second mortgage and Receiver in the action upon the first mortgage was had before any default occurred in the payment of the interest upon our bonds. It is also claimed that the Receivers in that action, at the solicitation of the trustee in our mortgage, with the approval of the court, have issued a large amount of certificates, which are given a priority over the bonds, to the detriment of bondholders. Rival and conflicting claims and interests are calculated to distract and destroy our confidence in the wisdom of the schemes proposed by the various parties."

BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge Benedict opened the United States Circuit Court (criminal side) yesterday at No. 27 Chambers street, for the trial of jury cases. Seven of those summoned to attend as jurors did not appear, and were ordered to show cause to-day why they should not be fined. The first case called was that of Charles Callender, the Bank Examiner who is accused of having received a bribe of $75,000 for making a false report of the affairs of the Ocean Bank. The case was tried at the last term of the court, and ended in a disagreement of the jury. The defendant did not put in an appearance; neither did his counsel, Ex-Judge Fullerton. Mr. Knox said that Mr. Fullerton, who was absent in Virginia, was expected to be in court that morning. As nobody else knew anything of the case, Mr. Knox moved that the trial be postponed until his return. Assistant District Attorney Purdy made a very vigorous opposition to any postponement. The court felt unwilling to grant it, but finally consented on the understanding that it should surely proceed with this morning....The cases of William H. Tyndall and of Peter O'Rorke, who are indicted for counterfeiting, were called, and, on failing to answer, bench warrants were issued for their arrest. ....The case of Martins and Robinson, indicted for conspiracy to kill a soldier, was put off the calendar....In the case of John W. Norton, charged with embezzlement in the Post Office, the Assistant District Attorney said he understood that his counsel meant to interpose a plea of the Statute of Limitations, and he asked that the matter stand until Monday. There being no case ready for trial, the jurors were discharged until this morning.

DECISION IN THE JAY COOKE BOND CASE.

In the year 1867 Jay Cooke & Co. had eighteen $1,000 seven-thirty bonds redeemed by the Treasury. It was subsequently discovered that the bonds were counterfeit. The Government then instituted suit for the recovery of the amount paid on the bonds, with interest. The Government maintained that the Assistant Treasurer, who acted in the matter, was empowered to redeem genuine bonds only, and that if, through mistake, he redeemed counterfeits, the right to recover the amount paid on them accrued to the Government. The defendant's case was that they presented the bonds in good faith, believing them to be good, and that the Government, having by the act of their officer passed upon the question of their genuineness, were bound by the act of their agent, and could not recover. On the trial of the cause Judge Blatchford ruled that it was not in the power of the Secretary of the Treasury or of his assistant to pay money to the defendants on bonds that were not genuine, and that if money was paid by mistake it could be recovered. The bonds were proven to be counterfeit, and the court directed a verdict for the Government. An appeal was taken to the United States Circuit Court, where Judge Woodruff yesterday rendered his decision, affirming the ruling made by Judge Blatchford. The matter will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States for final review.

DECISION IN THE PLATT-STEWART APPEAL CASE.

In the case of John H. Platt, assignee, against A. T. Stewart, which was reported in yesterday's TIMES, Judge Hunt rendered his decision on the motion made to dismiss the appeal on the ground that it was prematurely taken, inasmuch as there can be no appeal under the eighth section of the Bankruptcy act unless the decree from which the appeal is taken is a final one, which the plaintiff insists this is not—that, in fact, it is merely interlocutory. After an exhaustive and elaborate review of the facts of the case, and the authorities bearing upon it, his Honor decides that the decree from which the appeal was taken was not a final decree, and, therefore, he granted the motion to dismiss the appeal.

TAXING CHURCH PROPERTY.

Judge Donohue, of the Supreme Court, has rendered an important decision in relation to taxing church property. The Central Presbyterian Church, of this City, was taxed on some lots adjoining the church edifice which had not yet been built on. Mr. Elliott F. Shepard, on behalf of the church, opposed the right of the Commissioners to impose the tax, claiming that the lots were an indivisible part of the church property on which the edifice stood, and were, therefore, exempt from taxation under the statute. The court so held, and issued an injunction restraining the Controller from selling the church property to pay the tax already imposed, and restraining the Tax Commissioners from imposing any taxes on the property in future.

FIELD SPORTS.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME.

THE LAST MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE SEASON—IMPORTANT REPORT ON THE GAME LAWS—A PROSPEROUS ORGANIZATION.

The New-York Association for the Protection of Game held its closing meeting for the season on Monday night, at the residence of Mr. Clinton Gilbert, No. 20 West Tenth street. The chair was occupied by Royal Phelps, Esq., President of the association, and a large number of members was in attendance. The President informed the members that clubs had been formed at Portland, Me., and at Baltimore, for the protection of game; that he had been written to for copies of the Game laws of New-York, and for copies of the constitution and by-laws of their club, all of which had been immediately sent. A long communication was read from the West Jersey Game Protective Society, asking for aid from the club to assist in restocking with grouse the adaptable lands of the Counties of Camden, Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem, and Cape May—the State having already passed laws prohibiting the killing of grouse in these counties until the 1st of November, 1880. Grouse were indigenous there, and plentiful until exterminated for supplying the New-York and Philadelphia markets at all seasons of the year. The communication was referred to the Executive Committee to report on at the next meeting of the association. The committee to which had been referred the resolutions offered by Mr. Charles Hallock in reference to a uniformity of the Game laws, submitted the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of uniform laws for the preservation of game in North America, respectfully report: That on the examination of this subject they note the varying laws that govern the protection of game, and that the variations in the legal times of killing game does not depend upon the periods when the animals have ceased breeding, or upon the different climates which advance or retard incubation, as much as they do upon the accidental selection by the legislatures of the law of some other State or Territory as a model. In some instances the breeding season of some fish has been made the open season. In other circumstances, open seasons have been created for song birds, which should never be allowed to be killed, as for instance, the brown thrush, in section 10 of the law of our own State. But particularly we note the objection that adjoining States in the same latitude, and affected by the same climate, and stocked by the same kinds of game have different seasons in which they may be taken. The injury done by this is manifest. It not only imperils the existence of the bird in the State where it is inadequately protected, but it renders nugatory, to a large degree, the proper law in the adjacent State, because most of these laws are evaded by prosecuting the venders of the game, and if game killed according to law in one State is sold in another State where it is illegal, the vender can plead that the game was killed in an adjoining State where the killing was lawful, and thus not only escape himself, but render convictions under the law so uncertain that few will undertake the risks of prosecuting. It oftentimes occurs that the breeding place of some game may be in one State, while the game in the Autumn moves to other grounds, as in the case of woodcock, and a great temptation is thrown in the way of those who live near the breeding place, and know that in a few days the birds will move off where they will be killed, and they not allowed to participate in the chase.

The reasons seem even stronger when applied to fish in rivers which run through several States, as, for instance, the Connecticut, which is liable to be fished by the citizens of four different States, any one of which could prevent by their action the enjoyment of the fisheries by any of the other.

There are certain zones of climate where the birth and maturity of game are so nearly coincident as that the same law could govern in all. Take, for instance, the quail in Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and we have a single game bird of great market value and field pleasure.

Their incubation season may vary between Central New-York and Maryland about two weeks, and in either place will be advanced or retarded that much of time by the character of the season. In none of these places, however, do any laws propose to open the season at the precise day when the birds are grown. A reasonable margin of time is made extending from Oct. 1 to Feb. 1. In our own State the open season is from Oct. 20 to Jan. 1. In these States, on this subject, had their laws been uniform as to time, would be perpetually aiding each other; now they are the cause of stumbling and uncertainty. Another matter which is essential to a complete system of game laws is to have as many kinds of game as possible considered alike into the same close season. One law not only varying times to commence shooting the same game, but also varying times to commence shooting the different varieties of game. Thus in our own State the shooting season for woodcock begins July 9; for quail, the 20th of October; for partridge, the 1st of September; for starlings, the 1st of August. Country people do not carry these dates in their minds, and are led into error; and those seeking to enforce cannot tell whether a sportsman in the earlier months, is pursuing legal or illegal game, and there is a total absence of a fixed, definite time in the public mind when field sports begin.

The same irregularity in our laws exists in those of the other States. No greater step in advance in these matters could be made than by having a fixed, permanent day when all shooting might begin.

We cannot pass in silence one general omission existing in the laws of all the States. No provision exists protecting the migratory birds that visit us in the Spring of the year. English snipe, plover, beach-birds, and the many varieties of birds that cluster our beaches, are wholly unprotected by law, and are killed and sold in the markets in April and May in large quantities. When the Spring is late, and the birds are delayed in their passage, they are found full of eggs, and sometimes are forced to nest within the State.

These birds should be protected in every State, no matter where they are flying to, for they are the children of our common country, and are gladdening every part of it in their migrations. No rule is so good as the rule that no gun is to be fired at birds or animals in the Spring or Summer. Every season of health to the eater, of abundance of supply to the article eaten, of justice to the animal when breeding or preparing to breed, plead for the fullest and most comprehensive and uniform laws in these matters, and therefore we submit the following plan and resolutions:

Whereas, The general sentiment of the country is in favor of the creation and immediate adoption of some system which will secure in the different States and in Canada greater uniformity, and consequently greater efficiency, in the laws for the protection and preservation of game, and inasmuch as a plan for securing these objects among the executive legislatures of all the States was submitted to the American Fish Culturists Association, and unanimously indorsed by it last February, and since then by other similar bodies in various parts of the country,

Resolved, That it is expedient and necessary to call a national convention at the earliest date consistent with a careful and general scrutiny of the scheme; and inasmuch as the New-York Society for the Protection of Game, has already discussed it in session and submitted it to legal gentlemen of experience for examinations and secured its approval, we do hereby recommend and advise that a circular letter be addressed to each and all of the sportsmen's clubs, acclimating societies, natural history societies, and fish culturists' associations throughout the country, wherever available, inviting an indorsement of the same and requesting that a written notification of such indorsement, signed by their respective Presidents and secretaries, be sent to the Secretary of this society, to be filed, and that said letters shall express the choice of location and date of year at which the national convention shall be held, and if it shall be found upon examination at the end of six months that the favorable responses are sufficiently numerous and wide-spread to be regarded as representing the wish of the country, then a call shall emanate from this New-York Society for the Protection of Game, designating such time and place for the meeting of the Convention as shall appear to be the wish of the majority of the societies responding. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. C. BARRETT,
CHAS. B. WHITEHEAD,
CHAS. HALLOCK, } Committee.

MAY 11, 1874.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Col. Wagstaff, member of Assembly from the Seventh District, reported that the amendments to the Game laws, asked for by the association, had been passed. The laws, as amended, extend the time for killing deer twenty days, and prohibit the killing of the animal in Suffolk County except during fifteen days in November of each year. The laws also prohibited the killing of wood-ducks in the Spring, and provided for the protection of song-birds in several counties, and of blackbeas in Lake George. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Committee on Game laws for their exertions during the last session of the Legislature.

Messrs. Charles E. Whitehead and Thos. N. Cuthbert, counsel of the association, reported that they had been successful in the case of Phelps against Racey, in which suit for $2,500 for the possession of 100 quail out of season was brought by the association. The higher court had affirmed the decision of the court below, and awarded the association the entire amount claimed. They had also recovered $100 on a second suit from the same party. The announcement of these important victories of the association was received with applause.

The President announced that the funds of the association now amounted to about $4,000—a matter of congratulation to each individual member. Messrs. George H. Penniman and B. L. Luddington were elected members of the association, and a number of candidates for membership were proposed. It was resolved that the President be authorized to give credentials to not more than five members of the association who may desire to attend the State Sportsmen's Convention at Oswego next month. Resolutions limiting the number of members of the association to 100, and doubling the initiation fee were also adopted, and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the association will be held in November next. At the adjournment of the meeting the members partook of an elegant supper which had been prepared by Mr. Gilbert. Toasts and speeches were freely indulged in, and at an advanced hour the season of 1873-4 was agreeably brought to a close.

THE CONTROLLERSHIP OF BROOKLYN.

The controversy which has excited the Brooklyn politicians for the past few days concerning the legal manner of filling the office of Controller, the resignation of which the present incumbent tendered to the Mayor last week, was yesterday brought suddenly to a close by the following letter from Mr. Schroeder to Mayor Hunter:

Hon. John W. Hunter, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: I have seen, heard, and read sufficient since Monday morning to convince me that I cannot, without violation of duty to those good citizens of Brooklyn who elected me, refuse to serve for the term for which I was elected. I, therefore, herewith respectfully withdraw my resignation.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed,) P. A. SCHROEDER, Controller.

As intimated in yesterday's TIMES, it was generally understood that Mr. Schroeder would withdraw his resignation if the Aldermen persisted in their intention to ballot for his successor without receiving any nomination from the Mayor; so that the publication of the above letter from the Controller was not unexpected. A good many of the Aldermen still hold that the letter, given below and read by the City Clerk at the last meeting of the board, was in fact a tender by Mr. Schroeder of his resignation. In view of that fact they talk of appointing a Controller at the next meeting of the Common Council; but as the person so appointed would have but seven months to serve, and would be under the necessity of inforcing his right, if he had any, to the office by an appeal to the courts, the position would not be worth the trouble and expense. Indeed, a prominent leader of the Democratic Aldermen made the statement yesterday that no serious effort would be made to interfere with Mr. Schroeder. The following is Controller Schroeder's letter of resignation, given for publication yesterday for the first time:

Hon. John W. Hunter, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: Shortly after your election last Fall, I informed you of my intention to resign my office on the first day of January, 1874. You then expressed the wish that I should continue in office until such time when you should have become practically familiarized with the current business of the office I continued on. It is due more to the pleasant official relations existing between us than to any other circumstance, that I have continued in office longer than seemed to be required by that understanding. I now respectfully tender you my resignation as Controller of the city, such resignation to take effect on the 1st day of June, 1874, or upon the appointment of a successor.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed,) P. A. SCHROEDER, Controller.

STRIKE OF THE COOPERS.

The strike of the coopers engaged in the petroleum trade still continues, and the present indications are that it will injure no one but the participators. The strike originated among the men in the employ of Messrs. Charles Pratt & Co., No. 108 Fulton street, a firm employing from sixty to seventy men. About six weeks ago Mr. Henry H. Rogers, the Superintendent, notified the men of the intention of the firm to employ non-society men in the future, whereupon forty-three of the hands left, and their places were speedily filled by outsiders. Mr. Rogers stated that the firm was determined to abide by the resolutions passed on Tuesday by the members of the Produce Exchange. He further stated that to his knowledge over half of the members of the society were hard-working men, and would, if it lay in their power, withdraw from the organization, but were hindered from doing so by the threats and intimidations of the worthless members, who prefer to remain idle at the rate of $2 50 per day, the amount allowed them by the union, to working at their trade at the rate of $3 50.

Mr. F. W. Lockwood, of the firm of Lockwood Bros. & Holly, oil inspectors, No. 62 Beaver street, stated that many of the men had caused the inspectors a great deal of trouble for some time past by their refusal to work in the same yard with non-society men. He did not anticipate any loss to business by the strike, as men were coming in from all parts of the country who would soon be competent to fill the places of the strikers.

Mr. T. E. Harrison, of the firm of Harrison Sons, said that the differences between the society and non-society men made it necessary for him to discharge his men who were members of the union. He had succeeded in obtaining all the hands—non-society men—he required. They were good workmen, but were new to the oil business.

The Standard Oil Company employs about fifty coopers. Those at present engaged are non-society men. To protect their employes from any unexpected harm, a force of policemen has been detailed to and from the New-York side to the works at Weehawken. The company requires all applicants for work to sign a statement to the effect "that they are not members of the union, and that they will not become such without giving the company thirty days' previous notice."

The general impression among all the manufacturers and dealers in oils is that the action of the members of the Produce Exchange will result in the disbandment of the International Coopers' Society.

THE LATE MRS. C. L. O'CONOR.

The funeral of Mrs. Cornelia Livingston O'Conor, wife of Charles O'Conor, the eminent lawyer, will take place to-day, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. from St. Thomas' Church, corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street. Mrs. O'Conor was a very popular lady in New-York society, and very active in charitable enterprises. She was the daughter of the late Francis A. Livingston, a distinguished lawyer of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y. At the time of her marriage with Mr

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MAY 13.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

100	Canton	68	50	U. S. Express	68
100	do	64	50	Union Pacific	29½
200	West. Union	70⅞	700	do	29¾
600	do	71	300	do	29¼
600	do	70⅞	1900	do	29⅛
400	do	70⅝	1500	do	29
400	do	70⅝	100	do	29
200	do	70⅝	300	do	28⅞
200	do	70⅝	200	do	29
100	do	70⅝	200	do	29⅛
800	do	70⅝	200	do	29
2900	do	70⅝	500	do	28⅞
100	do	70⅝	100	do	29
600	do	70⅝	300	do	29
200	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
200	do	70⅝	300	do	29
200	do	70⅝	900	do	28⅞
300	do	70⅝	1300	do	29
100	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
200	do	70⅝	1500	do	29
100	do	70⅝	200	Del., L. & W	107⅛
1300	do	70⅝	100	M. & St. Jos	27¼
1900	do	70⅝	200	do	27¼
400	do	70⅝	200	Tol. & Wab	28⅞
200	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
500	do	70⅝	200	do	28⅞
600	do	70⅝	200	do	28⅞
300	do	70⅝	200	do	28⅞
2100	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
200	do	70⅝	200	do	28⅞
300	do	70⅝	500	do	28⅞
100	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
100	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
100	do	70⅝	100	do	28⅞
10	Adams Express	100	400	do	28⅞
400	Pac. Mail	44⅜	100	do	28⅞
100	do	44⅜	200	do	28⅞
400	do	44⅜	700	do	28⅞
100	do	44	100	do	28⅞
100	do	44	200	do	28⅞
600	do	44⅛	700	do	28⅞
200	do	44	200	do	28⅞
1000	do	43⅞	100	do	29
400	do	43⅞	100	do	28⅞
1700	do	43⅞	100	do	28⅞
300	do	43⅞	200	do	28⅞
2400	do	43⅞	100	do	28⅞
1900	do	43⅞	200	do	28⅞
100	do	43⅞	200	do	28⅞
1000	Erie Railway	35½	200	Rock Island	97
200	do	35½	12	Mor. & Essex	98
60	N. Y. C. & H.	93	900	Ohio & Miss	23
6	do	98	300	do	22⅞
200	do	97⅜	100	do	22⅝
400	do	97⅜	100	do	22⅞
100	St. Paul	70⅜	100	do	23
300	do	33⅜	100	do	23
1200	do	33⅝	100	do	22⅞
100	do	33⅜	200	do	23
500	do	33⅜	400	do	22⅜
200	do	33⅜	200	do	22⅝
500	do	33⅜	200	do	23
600	do	33⅛	200	do	23⅛

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$3,000	U. S. 5-20 R. '62	12.115	
4,500	U. S. 5-20 C. '62	12.⅛	
1,250	U. S. 5-20 R. '65	11.87½	
2,000	U.S.5-20C.'67	12.20⅜	
10,000	do	12.14⅜	
$2,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '67	120¼	
1,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '68	120⅜	
1,000	U. S. 5s, R. '81	115¼	
500	do	115	

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$4,000	N. Y. State 7s, ex coup.	108¼	5	Cen. Nat. Bank	101
5,000	do	108⅛	18	Continental Bk	100
5,000	Tenn. 6s, old	70	30	N. Y. C. & H.	97⅝
10,000	do	70⅛	100	Pacific Mail	44⅛
10,000	Tenn. 6s, new	83	100	do	44¼
1,000	Tenn. 6s, new, ex coup	64⅜	100	do	44¼
1,000	Tenn. 6s, new series	64⅞	500	do	44¼
2,100	Va. 6s, Def	10⅜	100	Canton Co	68
1,000	do. Con. Con.	10⅜	300	West. Union	70⅝
1,000	Erie 1st	101	700	do	70⅝
1,000	C. & R.I. & P. 7s	105⅛	300	do	70⅝
5,000	Mich. So. S. F.	101½	300	do	70⅝
500	do	102	600	do	70⅝
1,000	do	102	100	do	70⅝
1,000	do	102	200	do	70⅝
1,000	do	102	100	do	70⅝
1,000	do	102	100	do	70⅝
1,000	do	102	100

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—Camille—Miss Clara Morris, Miss Emily Mestayer, Mr. C. R. Thorne, Mr. Stuart Robson.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Divorce—Mr. Gen. Clarke, Mr. W. Davidge, Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Ada Dyas.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—The Gladiator—Mr. John McCullough, Mr. W. E. Sheridan.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—School—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Effie Germon.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—Humpty Dumpty—Mr. G. L. Fox, Mr. C. K. Fox.

BOWERY THEATRE.—Nick Whiffles—In and Out of Place—Wilson Brothers.

BARNUM'S ROMAN HIPPODROME.—Chariot Races—Gymnastic Acts—Menagerie. Matinee.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performances afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—Farces, Sirgles, Conculities—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour

THE COLOSSEUM.—Cyclorama of London by Night—Afternoon and evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Magic and Leugerdemain by Prof. Herrmann.

CENTRAL PARK GARDEN.—Summer Night's Concert—By Theo. Thomas' Orchestra.

STEINWAY HALL—At 3 P. M.—Grand Concert—Miss Pauline Canissa, Messrs. Pfueger, Lehman, and others.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN—Exhibition of Paintings.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART.—Antiquities, Paintings, Statuary, &c.

[illegible] ART GALLERY.—Exhibition of Paintings.

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Secretary Richardson still remains in office—which is about as curious a piece of news as we are called upon to report to-day.

The news from Arkansas continues to be of much the same character as that which we have reported for days past. Several scenes of violence took place yesterday in Little Rock, and the regular troops were called out to suppress them. Brooks and Baxter are evidently determined to keep up their little war until they are put down by a force stronger than that which either of them possesses. Brooks had his turn at bragging on Tuesday, and yesterday Baxter followed suit. He gives notice that if the Legislature recognizes him as Governor, and if the President permits the Federal troops to "interfere as they have been doing," he will protect himself. The two Parrott guns from Texas have arrived, and Baxter evidently intends to make them useful. The Legislature has organized, but the withdrawal of a Brooks man can at any moment leave it without a quorum. Baxter is receiving fresh additions to his forces, and appears at this moment to be occupying a stronger position than Brooks. Nothing has been done in Washington to interfere with the programme of the rival Governors, which will doubtless be satisfactory to them.

The Senatorial question was decided in Connecticut last night by the nomination of Hon. Wm. W. Eaton by the Democratic caucus. Mr. Eaton became known to the country during the war as one of the most bitter of the class then termed "copperheads." In fact, it may be said that had it not been for his malignant opposition to the Government in its efforts to put down the rebellion, he would never have been known to the nation at all. Sending a man with such a record to the United States Senate is in perfect harmony with Democratic traditions and principles, but hardly in keeping with present needs or public expectation. The Democrats will, of course, urge that Mr. Eaton is a man of "acknowledged ability" and "unblemished private character;" but the people will remember the position he took during the war, and conclude that by the selection of such a man the Democrats have not advanced very far beyond their stand-point of 1861.

The Senate made no progress worth mentioning in the consideration of the Finance bill yesterday, beyond voting down a rather vague and complicated amendment of Mr. Scott's. The gentlemen known as inflationists are now engaged, under the lead of Mr. Wright, of Iowa, in seeking to reduce the ratio of greenbacks retired to national bank notes authorized from one-half to one-fourth. It is hardly necessary to say that this would nearly destroy whatever merit the bill may have, and deprive it of the approval of the conservative portion of the community. The bill can be tolerated, in its present form, because it promises a beginning of a right policy. But we should, in all frankness, advise the inflationists not to reject this measure. They will not get one that will suit them better. The tenor of the debate yesterday showed that fact as plainly as any one could desire. Mr. Chandler declared that the Wright amendment would kill the bill, if it were carried, and he undoubtedly spoke the sentiments of the anti-inflationists in the Senate, and in the country at large as well. The Finance Committee went to the very limit of prudence in framing the bill as it now stands. If its good points are to be whittled down, and its bad ones extended, let us know it at once, and the country will be content to let matters stand as they are. The inflationists can take their choice.

A little squad of "Liberal Republicans," headed by Mr. John Cochrane, met yesterday in Albany, to take counsel in regard to the political action of the "party" this Fall. It is said that they favor a separate "convention," to be held before the conventions of the other parties. The idea is a good one. If carried out, it will be the best means for putting the Liberal candidates on the market. Indeed, it would seem to be the only means by which they can hope to command any price at all. After the Democratic nominations are made up, they will stand a small chance. In driving a bargain there is nothing like putting on a bold face, and behaving as if you thought your wares were worth something, especially when, as in this case, they are worth nothing.

The differences in the Spanish Ministry, the solution of which was postponed till after the relief of Bilbao, have now led to a reconstruction of the Cabinet. To understand the significance of this event, it must be remembered that Spanish politics have resolved themselves into a contest between three great parties. First, the Socialist Republican element, calling itself Federal, and ranged on a variety of systems under the leadership of Figueras, Salmeron, and Pi y Margall. Next, an almost completely fused party, composed of unitarian Republicans, under Castelar, and the so-called Radicals, having a tendency toward constitutional monarchy, but now declared Republicans, with Zorilla and Martos for leaders. Next, the Conservatives, who accept the Republic as a merely provisional device, and who correspond to the various fractions of monarchists, on whom the French Marshalate loans for support. The reconstruction of the Ministry is undoubtedly a triumph for the latter party, and several of the names in the new Cabinet show that the recent "Alfonsist scare" was not altogether without foundation.

There is a liberal appropriation for sprinkling the drives above Central Park, and we hope Commissioner Van Nort will make good use of it during the present season. These roads are used daily by thousands of our citizens, and if the dust is not kept down, they can in no sense serve the purpose for which they were constructed. To drive in a crowd of dust for several miles is not only the extreme of physical discomfort, but is dangerous to health. Mr. Van Nort can in no way earn the gratitude of many of our people as by doing his duty in this matter. The drives above the Central Park are too grand, and are in too constant demand, to be rendered worthless during the season when they should be of the greatest value.

MR. JOHN BRIGHT ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

A very sensible letter from Mr. John Bright to Mr. Dorman B. Eaton, of the Civil Service Commission, is published this morning. The civil service system of Great Britain, in its present condition, differs from the new system partially in operation in our country in several important particulars. In the first place, it is more extended in its scope, and more thorough in its application. In the next place, it is more rigid, and leaves a good deal less room for the exercise of the discretion of the appointing power. The British system has been very justly criticised on the ground that many of its requirements are absurdly disproportioned to the duties of the office to be filled. Elaborate examinations are enforced which are often utterly foreign to the position for which the person examined is a candidate, while questions calculated to correctly test his fitness for that position are sometimes entirely neglected. We believe this is an objection to which our own system is not open. There is, moreover, in our system a provision of great practical importance, and calculated to serve as a corrective to nearly all the errors that may creep into the system from any source. This is the appointment of candidates on probation only. If it is found in the course of the probation—which lasts for six months—that the examination has failed to give a correct impression of the officer's capacity, and that he is not fitted for the position, his appointment can be quietly allowed to lapse, and he can be remitted without any positive act of dismissal to private life. It is obvious that a system without this feature is much more liable to produce unfortunate results than one that possesses it.

But Mr. Bright reports that the British system, with whatever defects it may be burdened, "has met with general approval, and, after the experience of some years, it would be impossible to go back to the old system." We have not the slightest doubt that a similar verdict will eventually be rendered concerning our own reform, when it shall have been applied fairly and vigorously on a scale sufficiently extended to test its merits. Those politicians who have found fault with it on the ground that it was going to build up a species of office-holding aristocracy in the country, would do well to reflect on Mr. Bright's opinion that in England the reformed system "is felt to be more just to all classes." Undoubtedly it is. So is the reformed system in this country. It is the old method—unhappily not yet supplanted—which gives rise to an office-holding class. Those who have watched the operations of the minor office-holders in our elections know only too well that no aristocracy could be more exclusive, grasping, arrogant, and unmindful of the general good than they are. A part, and a principal part, of their business is to control expressions of public opinion at every stage of a popular election, or of the proceedings that lead up to it, in the way that shall be most agreeable to themselves and their leaders. That is the way in which, according to Mr. Butler's theory, they are expected to pay for the offices they hold. And in that work they ordinarily engage with great zeal and unscrupulousness. Nothing could be more opposed than this to the notions that underlie our Government. Nothing could tend more to the demoralization of a people, and the paralysis of their best political energies. Any system that seeks to break up this one, is, therefore, a gain in precise proportion as it succeeds.

But the chief merit of the reform is the one the need for which is pointed out by Mr. Bright, "In these days," he says, "when so much is done by the Governments, and when so many persons are employed by them, it seems absolutely necessary to take precautions against the selection of incompetent men and against the corruption which, under the present administration, is always a menacing evil." It is precisely this which the reform seeks to accomplish, and bids fair to accomplish, if it can be thoroughly carried out. Men who are appointed for fitness only are sure to be more competent, and are likely to be more honest, than men who are appointed because they helped a Congressman to his nomination, or a Senator to his election. And Mr. Bright may be sure that this is something which "the good sense" of our people will, sooner or later, discover.

BROOKLYN AFFAIRS.

We have already recorded the resignation of two of the principal officers of the Brooklyn City Government—the Controller and the District Attorney—the latter being technically a county officer, but practically a member of the Government of the city, which contains all but a few thousand of the inhabitants of the county. The resignation of the Controller is happily now withdrawn. It would have deprived the city of an unusually able and devoted officer, who, greatly to the injury of his private affairs, has labored zealously and efficiently to bring order and responsibility into a department of the Government that had before been much disorganized. Mr. Schroeder not only performed the routine duties of his office with great care, but he has completely reformed the method of conducting its business, and compelled all the other departments to observe an amount of regularity and punctuality to which they had long been unaccustomed. It is to his sagacity also, and to the respect which his pure character and faithful services inspired, that the city owes the success of several of the most important measures of reform that have been carried through within the past three years. Mr. Schroeder has shared the fate of many other men engaged in similar tasks. He has been libeled in public and slandered in private; his motives have been impugned and his course misrepresented; but, in spite of this, and even, in some degree, in consequence of it, he has gained the hearty good opinion, the implicit confidence, of the great body of respectable men in the city. We are glad that he has abandoned the intention of resigning.

The resignation of Mr. Rodman, the District Attorney, on the other hand, is not very much to be regretted. He is a young man of pure intentions and good character, but utterly powerless to perform the very arduous and difficult duties of the office of District Attorney. That office has long been the greatest possible obstacle to good government in Brooklyn. Its pigeon-holes are crammed with indictments, against which political influence has served as a protection. Among these are four indictments against as many of the Commissioners of Charities, whose office has been filled with corruption and abuse; one against Isaac Badeau, Ex-Collector of Taxes; one against one Gill, recently Deputy Collector of Taxes; two or more against Ex-Aldermen of the city for participation in election frauds; one against Mr. Sprague, Ex-City Treasurer, for criminal neglect of his duty, and innumerable indictments against thieves, pickpockets, gamblers, and even murderers, of whom we believe there are eight or nine now in the Kings County Jail awaiting trial, and some of them as to whose guilt there is not a particle of doubt. There is no question that the condition of business in the District Attorney's office is very disgraceful to Brooklyn. Apart from the indolence and negligence that have marked its conduct, it is an open charge against it that it is in possession of very ugly secrets concerning powerful Democratic politicians which no Democratic District Attorney dare divulge.

It is to be hoped that Mr. John Winslow, the new District Attorney, will be able to make a change—a radical and sweeping change—in the office. Yet, too much must not be immediately expected of him. There remains but a short time, comparatively, in which to obtain the trial of indictments before the close of the courts for the long Summer vacation. The indictments themselves must meanwhile be carefully examined, since the practice of the office may easily have been to protect its friends by defective indictments, quite as much as by neglecting to try indictments after they were found. A man who was recently fined $2,000 and sentenced to a year's imprisonment in Kings County, was found to have had six or seven defective indictments framed against him for the same offense. Such monotonous mistakes have "method" in them. After the Summer vacation the county will be involved in what promises to be a warm political canvass, and the trial of political offenses will be proportionately difficult. At this election, the office of District Attorney must be again submitted to the people. So that it can be seen that Mr. Winslow has only a short time in which to make headway in a great task surrounded by great and peculiar difficulties and embarrassments. We hope, however, he will attack it with vigor, and do everything he possibly can in the time that he is sure of. That he will discharge his duties without "fear or favor," we are confident. We trust he will also discharge them with success.

COUNTRY LIFE IN TOWN.

The expectation seems to be very general that, owing to the dullness of business during the past eight months, an unusual number of people will remain in the City this Summer. A few suggestions, therefore, to those who have hitherto been in the habit of going out of town every year, as to the best possible manner of rendering their mode of passing the present Summer as nearly as possible like that to which they have been accustomed, will, we think, not be unwelcome.

One of the things needed in order to accomplish the object in question in the most effectual manner, will be for half a dozen families, or more, to club together, and all betake themselves to some one of their houses. The smallest of all the residences, if there be any choice in the matter, should generally be selected; but this point is not essential. Before the removal is made, each of the up-stairs rooms in the house to be occupied—except small ones at the end of halls—should be divided by board partitions, so thin that anything said above a whisper could be distinctly heard through them. Arrangements should be made to have the apartments on the two sides of these partitions always occupied by members of different families. The upper sashes of the windows should all be fastened so that they cannot be let down. The cords of the lower sashes should be cut or removed, and broken laths, pieces of old broom-handles, crooked sticks cut from trees, or some other equally convenient means of keeping the window open, should be substituted. It would be well if the house selected could be at a distance of at least two or three miles from any of the others. This would assist in giving the impression to friends and acquaintances that the inmates of the others had gone out of town—a most important object, and one which should on no account be kept out of view.

In regard to the table and house-keeping, under such an arrangement as that of which we are speaking, the principal requisites are that everything should be done in a hurry and nothing done well. Unless the number of families should be considerably greater than that we have suggested, the "help" should not exceed three individuals, or one to every ten or twelve persons. No unusual articles of food are required except "rich country milk and vegetables fresh from the garden." The former can easily be obtained by adding a pint and a half of Croton water to every quart of the liquid ordinarily furnished by the milkmen. The latter can be secured by purchasing vegetables in the City and keeping them in a warm place about as long as it would take to transport them to some rural retreat. The attendance on the table should be so managed that everybody, after being kept waiting to the last extremity of human endurance, should be helped to what somebody else has called for—a result all the more easily reached from the circumstance that there would generally be fifteen or twenty people shouting to one attendant at the same time.

The families comprising such a household should, for the most part, be entire strangers to each other. There is no objection, indeed, to any two of them having been previously well acquainted with one another, provided they are peculiarly uncongenial, or have formerly had a quarrel, which is sure to be revived on the slightest occasion. Among the youthful portion of the inmates of the house, there should always be two or three small boys who have a way of suddenly yelling at nervous ladies in dark entries, or one or two nice little girls who like to make faces at grown-up people and call them names. These juveniles should also be well drilled in practical jokes, and be required to make as much racket as possible very early in the morning. Some young men must be found to go to bed half drunk late at night, storming and singing along the passages. But more important than all this is the presence of three or four single ladies, whose life consists of one long sensation of amazement at the miserable manner in which parents "nowadays" bring up their children, and who make it their especial business to instruct all the mothers in the house in the art and duties of family government.

If the remarks we have made should, by means of the general adoption of our suggestions, prove detrimental to the business of rural resorts for citizens, we are sorry—but we cannot help it. Almost all improvements effecting a saving of labor and expense are temporarily unfavorable to the interests of many deserving individuals. We may hope, however, in the present case, that the improvement will not be so suddenly or so universally adopted as that those likely to be disadvantageously affected will not have time to be in a measure prepared for it.

CIVILIZATION EAST AND WEST.

If an American or an Italian were asked to compare the civilizations of their respective countries with that of Turkey, the suggestion would probably be received with indignation or derision. Yet in one respect, at least, the most decrepit of European nationalities has exhibited a degree of enlightened vigor which might be favorably imitated by either Italy or the United States. All three of these countries have been cursed in certain portions by organized systems of brigandage, but in Turkey alone does it appear that any systematic and persistent effort has been made for the extermination of the pest. The atrocities of the Thessalian bandits have been countless and extreme, and the Greek Government has been either powerless or unwilling to suppress them. Latterly, however, the Turkish Government has begun against them a vigorous campaign, which, under the direction of Mehemet Ali Pasha, seems to have been most successful. Twenty-nine of the brigands, it is reported, have been killed, as many more captured, and the remainder driven over the frontier, where they have been seized by the Greek authorities.

Comparing these results with those achieved either in our own Western States or in Southern Italy, the contrast, it must be confessed, is not flattering to Christian civilization. Looking at California and Missouri, overrun by ruffians like Vasquez and the Youngers, we have no great reason to boast of our superiority in this respect over the "Sick Man of the East." And Italy, from late accounts, has even less cause for congratulation. Brigandage, in the southern part of the Kingdom at least, appears to be as audacious and defiant as ever. A Sicilian gentleman was taken, not long since, in broad daylight, from his house, and had he not been lucky enough to escape, would have had, no doubt, to pay roundly for his ransom. Baron Porcari, a wealthy Neapolitan, was less fortunate. He, too, was seized by a party of brigands, in his own house, and carried off into the mountains, where he was required to produce the enormous ransom of 125,000 francs. Even to the marauders this demand seemed extortionate, for they afterward reduced it to one-half that amount. While awaiting its receipt from his brother, he was confined for eleven days in a cave opening high up on the face of an impecessible cliff. Through the mouth of his prison the luckless Baron could see the railway station, not ten miles distant, and trains whizzing by almost under his very nose. The contemplation must have added some exasperation to the bitterness of his position. A somewhat similar incident will be recalled to the reader of one of Samuel Ferguson's stories of Irish outlawry.

On the twelfth day the Baron managed to make his escape. But no sooner was he in safety, than he sent an urgent telegraphic dispatch to his brother requesting him to pay the stipulated ransom, as though he were still in the power of the brigands. And even with this precaution, he has not ventured to return to his estate. Nothing could more forcibly indicate the prevailing dread of these outlaws, or the little reliance that is placed upon the protection of the law. Indeed, with the abolition of the death penalty in some parts of Italy, and the general devotion of juries there, as in France, to that prompt travesty of justice implied in their favorite verdict of "guilty, with extenuating circumstances," this distrust of the law is scarcely to be wondered at. And, as the brigands are not troubled with any such thing as "extenuating circumstances" in reference to such of their victims as fail to comply with their conditions, and as they have a playful habit of expressing their disapprobation of delay in the payment of ransoms by slicing off in succession the ears, noses, and other supernumerary parts of their captives, the deference paid to their wishes is by no means extraordinary.

As we have said, the comparison here exhibited is by no means flattering, either to the Italians or to ourselves. What Turkey has done toward ridding herself of the plague of brigandage, more powerful and more enlightened nations should surely be able at least to emulate. We do not hear, however, that Vasquez is captured, or that the authorities of Missouri have so much as set on foot a vigorous pursuit of the villains who rob railway trains and murder detectives all along her borders. When that happens we may, perhaps, talk with a better grace of the "effete despotisms of the East."

ROBBING MERCHANTS.

Considering the heavy losses that have been sustained by most of the leading dry-goods and other merchants of this City, through the operations of swindlers in the guise of storekeepers, it seems strange that this class should continue to flourish. It seems almost as easy for an unknown applicant for credit to obtain it from many of our large business houses as for the customer of five, ten or fifteen years' standing. The first case giving strength to such an assumption was that of a so-called dealer in general merchandise, who, after having spent a few hundred dollars in fitting up a store—if we mistake not—in a Connecticut town, came to New-York with a bundle of beautifully printed cards, and proceeded to "patronize," in a most liberal manner, those merchants whom he found willing to believe his representations, and fill his orders for goods. A few days afterward the reputable dealers of the town in question saw so many boxes and packages arriving at the new store that they began to fear it was about to monopolize the best part of the trade. This uneasiness was increased when there appeared to be no end to the aforesaid boxes and packages. Very soon, the goods shipped away from the store seemed to be as considerable in amount as those going in. So long as the people of the town flocked there in quest of bargains, this fact caused only a slight suspicion of fraud; but when the excitement occasioned by the opening of the new store had worn away, and it was no longer an object of attraction, the suspicion increased, until some of the residents believed that the store was a blind to conceal the fraudulent transactions of its occupants. This opinion had not long prevailed when the news was one morning quickly spread that the "new store" had suddenly been deserted, and that not an article of value had been left behind. Then followed the usual inquiries from New-York. The Postmaster had his mail matter largely increased. Mysterious persons went there to procure accurate descriptions of the swindlers, and after their departure the gossips talked the subject threadbare.

There is a case at Elizabeth, N. J., of precisely the same character in every respect save one. There were no arrests that we have heard of in the Connecticut affair, whereas in New-Jersey nearly all the swindlers engaged were captured in the very midst of their labors, and are safely held under lock and key. The work of expressing the goods back again to New-York was done in such an open manner that it escaped public attention. However, the Chief of Police, who happens to be more than a figure-head, suspected that all was not right at the new store, and kept his eye upon it. He speedily found enough to convince him that there was a swindle being perpetrated, and, in the language of Mr. Matsell, he "pulled" the concern. Jersey is a very bad place for the practice of this particular kind of dodge. At least it has been found so in the past, and it is to be hoped that the reputation will be increased rather than diminished by the punishment measured out to the persons in custody at Elizabeth.

Surely it cannot be said that the facilities for inquiring into the character and standing of applicants for credit are not sufficiently good to afford the requisite protection to merchants. The number of agencies for getting at this knowledge are increasing every day. Men just started in business cannot, of course, be known immediately at the commercial agency; nevertheless, it should not be impossible to discover something as to their antecedents. A stamped envelope, sent with a request for information to the Chief or Superintendent of Police of any town, would always be sure of prompt attention. If the facts elicited by inquiries of this nature should not prove satisfactory, the merchant could decline to open an account, and there the matter would end. The swindler, we know, has a good many strings to his bow. He can buy for cash until he gets acquainted with his victim. A person who proceeds in this manner it is very difficult to escape, but with a proper observance of caution, even he may be foiled. The merchants owe it to themselves and to their honest customers to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to destroy the trade of the swindling storekeeper, and if they fail in this respect, all we can say is that they deserve to suffer for it.

THE VICE OF DRINKING.

Sometimes it happens that the most effective temperance sermons are delivered in our courts of justice, and one such sermon was lately heard in the General Sessions. A person calling himself John Thompson was arraigned on a charge of burglary, and in an ordinary case the proof against him would have been of the strongest kind, for he was found upon the premises into which he had made an unlawful entrance. But he told a story which convinced the court that the only crime he had committed was against himself. He would not plead guilty to the charge of burglary, for he said that if he had broken into the store it was when he was insane from drink, and that he had no thought of stealing anything unless it might be a glass of liquor. He then went on to tell a most pitiful tale of opportunities lost and a life wrecked by intemperance. Standing at the bar of justice, he felt himself so completely in the power of this vice that he was compelled to admit that he considered himself a proper subject for an inebriate asylum. He recounted twenty-seven years of reputable employment, which in the end had been wasted by his infatuation. His story was believed, and he was told to go and endeavor in the future to lead a different life.

This is by no means an uncommon story. Whoever has occasion to be about the streets at night is likely to come in contact with some wreck of a man who tells something to the same effect. These men are almost invariably of middle age, and present some traces of former prosperity and respectability. Like Thompson, they all ascribe their downfall to drink, and their stories are wofully alike in their details. They began with the occasional social glass with a friend, and scouted the idea that they would ever become the slaves of liquor. Yet by degrees the habit fastened upon them, and they were consumed by an insatiable thirst which demanded constant indulgence. To satisfy it they had sacrificed themselves and their families. They had squandered their property and destroyed their health to satiate an ungovernable passion, and had at last become "bummers" or criminals, like poor Thompson.

Temperance reform to be effectual must begin with the resolve of the individual. No man can be made abstemious by law, and the virtue that is not proof against temptation is not a safe basis for society. We have, therefore, had but little respect for prohibitory laws, and have not thought that this reform could be achieved through political action. The first thing of all is to show the young men the deadly effects of the vice. If this can be done, there is some chance that a sober generation will grow up in the land, and to this end the tale of Thompson is worth more than all the philippics of all our lecturers. There are thousands in our midst who can tell by sad experience how the terrible habit has grown upon them by slow degrees, until the craving for liquor became the consuming passion of their lives. There is no young man indulging in moderate drinking who cannot hear some story of this kind almost every time he enters a bar-room, if he will only take the trouble to enter into conversation with the most dilapidated lounger he can see.

But even if there were no danger of too great indulgence, and if the more fatal consequences could be avoided, the habit of drinking is still wasteful and foolish. The chief body of our moderate drinkers is composed of artisans and clerks, whose incomes do not average over $20 per week. What they call moderate drinking requires at least $1 per day, and if they would only stop to think, they would see the absurdity of throwing a third of their entire income into the till of the dram-seller. But they never look at it in this way. One drink costs but a few cents, and they never stop to compute the aggregate of all they take in the course of a day or a week. To this class the story which poor Thompson told to Judge Sutherland ought to bring reflection, and with reflection we are sure, in many cases, will come reform.

AMUSEMENTS.

CENTRAL PARK GARDEN CONCERTS.

The concert season at the Central Park Garden was entered upon most auspiciously last evening. Mr. Thomas' splendid orchestra was in its accustomed place and its wonted form, and the assemblage gathered to enjoy its first Summer entertainment was at least as large and as brilliant as any brought together on the palmiest nights of by-gone years. A prosperous series of performances has undoubtedly begun. Were the prospects less encouraging, we should think ill of the taste of the New-York public. In no city in the world are finer orchestral recitals to be listened to than Mr. Thomas' band supplies, and nowhere is there to be found a fitter *local* than the place which Mr. Thomas makes his Summer abode. Yesterday's concert was marked by all the agreeable features of old. Mr. Thomas was welcomed to the conductor's stand with great enthusiasm, and the faultless and sympathetic interpretation of each and every number of the programme elicited hearty applause. Two new pieces were part of the bill, a "meditation," by Gounod, very sweet and chaste in sentiment and clear and rich in treatment, and a pretty waltz—"Carnavalsbilder"—by Strauss. Besides these compositions, a capital selection from the regular répertoire of Mr. Thomas' forces was heard. Some passages from "Lohengrin" were delightfully executed; the allegretto from Mozart's symphony in E was admirably rendered both in point of spirit and precision, and the remarkable delivery of the second "Rhapsodie Mongroise," so often adverted to in references to the concerts given this Winter by Mr. Thomas, was repeated. Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Schubert, and Auber were also represented on the bill. The programme of the Central Park Garden, we have only to add, is changed nightly, but the standard of excellence is always the same. The performances commence at 8 o'clock.

BRIEF NOTES.

Miss Clara Morris makes her *rentrée* at the Union Square Theatre this evening in "Camille."

.....Mr. Daraé's benefit concert takes place at Steinway Hall this afternoon.

MEETING OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Kingston, N. Y., May 13.—The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Eastern New-York met at the Music Hall at 10 A. M., Grand Worthy Patriarch S. L. Parsons presiding. All the grand officers were present. The report of E. H. Hopkins, Grand Scribe, exhibited an increasing membership in the order, and twelve new divisions instituted during the last quarter. The report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch indorsed their political action, and the following resolutions were introduced:

Resolved, That the Grand Division of Eastern New-York unite with our brethren in Western New-York in saying that no consistent temperance man can desire the renomination of Gen. Dix; that he has deliberately balked and hindered temperance work; that he has arrayed himself on the side of the rum-sellers, and that no party which places him in nomination can hope to receive the support of temperance men, no matter what may be their religion, nationality, race, color, or politics.

These resolutions were opposed by C. C. Leigh, Edward Crummey, and Stephen Merritt, Jr., in the interest of the Prohibition Party.

In the evening a large and enthusiastic temperance party was held.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

DISPECKER ALIAS DISBECKER.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My astonishment was unbounded when I read a communication in your issue of this morning announcing that our Chief Magistrate's new appointee for Police Commissioner, Abraham Disbecker, was identical with my quondam acquaintance Dispecker, well known to myself and others connected with music as an utter charlatan as a musician and of very small repute as a man. If such is the material from which our Reform Mayor makes his selections for such important offices as the one to which he has appointed this fellow, we may well despair of anything approaching good government for this great metropolitan City, and at once sit down and reconcile ourselves as best we may to a hopeless continuance of that reign of fraud and dishonesty we but lately fondly hoped we had escaped from by the removal of Tweed & Co.

Alas for poor New-York! MUSICUS.

P. S.—You can learn further of the esteem in which this quack is held by inquiry at Steinway, Chickering's, or, indeed, any musical house.

New-York, Saturday, May 9, 1874.

"THE FOUR CIVILIZATIONS OF THE WORLD."

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I accept Mr. Wikoff's correction with respect to the quotation he makes from Tacitus. The confusion of terms into which I inadvertantly fell in my reference to that part of Mr. Wikoff's book was doubtless due to a difference in the original reading, with which I happen to be acquainted, and then to a lack of sufficient accuracy of expression on my part. THE WRITER OF THE REVIEW.

Wednesday, May 13, 1874.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD QUESTION — THE AMENDED PLAN OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Ottawa, Canada, May 13.—In Parliament, last night, Mr. McKenzie moved the Pacific Railway resolutions. He remarked that the scheme of the late Government was impracticable, and had to be abandoned. The terms of union with British Columbia required that the railway should be built, and the present Government would endeavor to carry out the spirit if not the letter of the agreement. He commented upon the undertaking to build an intercolonial railway—a very much shorter road—and characterized as a great error the proposal to build the Pacific Railway in ten years. The undertaking was a great one, and would require about six millions a year in addition to the first cost to keep it in running order. In his Sarnia speech he had referred to the possibility of a combined rail and water line, and he believed such would have to be adopted. No serious engineering difficulties, he said, had been found between Nipissing and Lake Nipegon, and not very great physical difficulties between Nipegon and Fort Garry. The greatest engineering difficulties would be found in British Columbia.

Assuming that the road must be built by the Government, and not as a commercial undertaking, he proceeded to develop the Government scheme. They did not at present purpose to build the eastern section. They would go on as soon as possible with the Nipegon and Red River sections, some 416 miles long. Between 600 and 700 miles of water could be made use of between the Red River and Fort Edmonton, whence a railroad would have to be extended westward. The probable terminus of the line in British Columbia would be Bute Inlet, but that would depend on surveys yet to be made. The Pembina branch would also be constructed at once.

He proceeded to state the manner in which railways, which he characterized as of a like kind as the Canadian Pacific enterprise, were constructed in other countries. It was clear that $10,000 and 20,000 acres a mile would not secure the construction of a road, so they offered four per cent. guarantee additional on a line which he could not name, but the Intercolonial Railway would cost about $45,000 per mile. The Northern Pacific Railroad to Red River had cost about $47,000 per mile. There was no reason to believe the road could be built for less than $40,000 per mile, and it might cost much more. The scheme would probably depreciate the value of lands, but they could not expect companies to undertake the construction of the road from pure patriotism. He thought it better that the work should be given to several companies rather than to one company. The Georgian Bay branch would be about eighty to eighty-five miles long. The Government proposed to obtain authority to connect the trunk lines now built or to be built with this branch, so as to form a continuous line from east to west.

A number of members took part in the discussion and the resolutions were adopted.

RIGHTS OF NATURALIZED ALIENS.

Hon. Mr. McKenzie laid on the table of the House of Commons a dispatch from the Imperial Government in reply to an address passed by the Commons last year in regard to the rights as British subjects of German and other naturalized aliens. It states that her Majesty was pleased to receive the address very graciously, and Lord Granville, the Foreign Secretary, reported in favor of giving the same privileges to naturalized Canadians as are conferred on persons naturalized in Great Britain by the amended Naturalization act of 1870. Lord Granville does not see that further naturalization treaties would benefit Germans or others naturalized in Canada.

THE CENTENNIAL—CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATE AND CITY LOANS.

Philadelphia, Penn., May 13.—The joint committee of the City Council on the celebration of the centennial anniversary held a meeting at the Centennial Rooms, No. 904 Chestnut street, Mr. J. L. Shoemaker in the chair. Telegrams were passed between the committee and Gov. Hartranft, at Harrisburg, relative to the centennial State loan. One was also sent to Gen. Hawley, at Washington. The prospects of the centennial were well canvassed, and it was finally agreed to present an ordinance to the Council to-morrow providing for the consolidation of the State and city loans of $1,000,000 each, and for the city authorities and State Commissioners to act together in the expenditure, so that the building of Memorial Hall shall proceed at once.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

The French journal, the *Economiste*, publishes some statistics concerning the Suez Canal. It is now four years and a half since the canal was opened, and from that time the traffic has been as follows: In 1870, 486 vessels, 435,000 tons; 1871, 765 ships, 761,000 tons; 1872, 1,082 ships, 1,180,000 tons; 1873, 1,173 ships, 1,380,000 tons. During the first three months of this year the number of ships was something lower than last year, but the tonnage increased by 12 per cent. The hopes which France entertained with regard to the canal have not been realized; the idea was that Marseilles would monopolize the transit, and make France the thoroughfare for the traffic of the Suez Canal. Instead of that the French flag occupies a very low place among those of the nations using the canal. Out of the 1,082 ships which passed through the canal in 1872, 761 were English, 80 French, 66 Italian, 61 Austrian, 33 Turkish, 16 German, 13 Dutch, 40 Portuguese, 10 Russian, &c. Thus the French flag only represents one-thirteenth of the canal fleet, and, moreover, almost all of the French ships belong to a company subsidized by the State—the Messageries Maritimes—and the list also comprises the men-of-war en route for Cochin-China and other French possessions. The more alarming feature is the continuously decreasing figure of the French ships that pass through the canal. And yet the work was done with the capital of French shareholders chiefly, who for some years past have seen neither dividend nor interest. The total cost amounted to 344,000,000 francs, (£13,760,000,) of which 256,000,000 was furnished by France alone, and the remainder by the Egyptian Government. The prospects of the shareholders have still further declined, in consequence of the late decisions of the International Conference, which exempts the receipts of the canal, the tolls being no longer raised on the gross burden, but on the official net tonnage. This system will reduce the revenue of the company fifteen per cent., especially as the men-of-war and ships in ballast, which form one-fourth of the canal shipping, are free from the additional dues of three francs per ton. Thus the company will be unable to pay either the arrears or the current coupons, and the necessary repairs will have to be neglected to a certain extent. An expenditure of 20,000,000 francs would be required now for improving the condition of the canal, but under the present circumstances the shareholders cannot be expected to make fresh sacrifices. The *Economiste*, in referring to the precedent of the Eldorado Bonds, thinks that it would be just for the seafaring nations to revamp the shareholders and make the canal their own.

THE ANNIVERSARIES.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

MEETING OF THE ALUMNI—ADDRESSES BY PROF. HITCHCOCK, DR. ADAMS, AND OTHERS.

The annual meeting of the Alumni of the Union Theological Seminary was held yesterday afternoon in the new rooms of the President and Secretary of the institution, at No. 30 Clinton place. Rev. B. C. Megie, Class of '38, of Dover, N. J., presided, and Rev. S. W. Crittenden acted as Secretary. A large number of Alumni were present, among them being many eminent members of the Presbyterian Church, among whom were Rev. Fillman C. Trowbridge, missionary to Turkey; Rev. Dr. S. I. Prime, Rev. E. H. Gillett, D. D., Prof. W. G. T. Shedd, A. C. Post, M. D., Hon. Charles Butler, Prof. Phillip Schaff, Norman White, Prof. R. D. Hitchcock, Jas. Brown, Rev. Dr. Adams, Rev. Ralston Smith, D. D., Yonkers, and John H. Doyle, of the *Evangelist*. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted, Prof. Hitchcock addressed those present. He said that the building in which they then met denoted a new leaf in the history of the seminary. They had reason to be thankful for the present prosperous condition of their alma mater. One gentleman present had given the munificent donation of $300,000, which had been egaciously distributed by the Board of Directors in fully endowing each of the six professorships of the college. The Faculty were deeply grateful to the donor. The seminary would now begin a new career, and ought to hold rank among the foremost institutions of learning in the country. They had also just gained a President with forty years of ministerial service, which had been unsurpassed on the American continent. He came to them full of years, but with the freshness and vigor of youth. He regarded the accession of Dr. Adams to the seminary as one of the greatest blessings they could have received. [Applause.] Another gentleman had endowed a traveling fellowship which provided two years' travel in foreign and Biblical lands with an allowance of $700 a year. By this means they hoped to produced a crop of good clergymen for service in home and foreign missions. The prospects of the seminary for the ensuing year were most encouraging, and the inducements held out created great excitement among the students of the New-England and other States. Already the entries for the Senior Class numbered forty-eight, and in the Second Class nearly the same number, while in the Junior Class some fifteen gentlemen had entered. Several distinguished scholars had entered, and others were about to enter to compete for the prize. The seminary courted such men, so that more scholastic rivalry would be introduced into the different classes. The Professors would not be so lenient during the next year as they had been in the past; it would not be so easy for students to make excuses, and the discipline would be much more severe in the future. They should not, however, overlook the great spiritual ends of the institution, but would keep its tone as high as ever, and, if possible, advance it. It was a anomalous place to say that the clerical profession did not hold its own like the legal, medical, and other professions. This may or may not be the case, but if any grounds existed for such complaint, the Union Theological Seminary was bound to do its best to remedy the defect or evil.

Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., Professor of Hebrew, while congratulating the Alumni on the prosperous condition of the seminary, regretted the absence, through illness, of Prof. Smith and Rev. Dr. Prentiss. The great universities of Europe, he said, were hundreds of years old, and were now stronger and more useful than ever. So it would be with the Union Theological Seminary, which would grow stronger and grander with age. Its situation in the great Metropolis of a great continent was an admirable one, and it was destined to become eventually the great Presbyterian institution of theology in America. The first President of their seminary had an eminent reputation in the universities of Europe, where he was commonly quoted, and this fact in itself augured well for the future of the institution.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Adams, the recently-elected President of the Theological Seminary, being called on, said that it gave him sincere pleasure to meet the Alumni of the institution, and thought an increase of *esprit du corps* would greatly forward the interests of their seminary. Having sketched the progress of the Theological Seminary from its infancy and detailed his own experiences during a number of years, the reverend gentlemen alluded to the present condition and future prospects of the institution in terms of congratulation. A new and improved sentiment, he said, had sprung up among the Faculty. The Professors were anxious to raise the tone of the learning imparted, and he hoped the Alumni would do everything in their power to assist the Faculty in the new start about to be made. The munificent gifts which had been presented to the seminary showed the position held by it in the community, and all they wanted was that every one should unite to carry out the great purpose represented by the institution.

Mr. Charles Butler, President of the board, congratulated the Alumni on the prosperous condition of their Alma Mater. The institution at last found itself, by the munificent act of a single citizen—James Brown—in a wealthy position. The donor had, by a single act, completed the endowment of each of the Professorships. It now only remained for the Directors to enlarge their buildings and provide increased accommodation, and the subject was at present under consideration. He heartily congratulated the Professors and Alumni on their present position, and hoped they would inaugurate a new departure in education, and establish in New-York the greatest and most influential college to be found in the United States.

Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Newark, and Rev. Dr. Gillett.

Resolutions tendering the thanks of the Alumni of the Theological Seminary to Messrs. James Brown, Charles Butler, William E. Dodge, and Mr. McAlpine for their munificent contributions for the support of the Professorships of the institution were unanimously adopted.

The Secretary of the library fund reported that he had received replies from about one-third of the classes applied to, who had promised to subscribe $3,300. He had no doubt that the whole of the entire amount required would be contributed by the classes not yet heard from. A committee was then appointed to make arrangements for future meetings, and a recess was taken for refreshments. On reassembling social conversation was indulged in, and after an agreeable reunion the Alumni separated.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

The American Tract Society held its annual meeting yesterday, at Rev. Dr. Crosby's Church, Twenty-second street and Fourth avenue. Hon W. Strong, of Philadelphia, President of the society, occupied the chair. The proceedings were opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Dr. Smith, after which the President delivered his address, in the course of which he congratulated the meeting on the progress of the society, and spoke hopefully of its prospects in the future. The report for the year ending March 31, 1874, showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The number of new publications issued from the Tract House during the year was 178, of which sixty-four were volumes. Among these were three most valuable works on the "Evidences of Christianity," by the eminent German theologians Christlieb and Lathardt. Seven new volumes in the German language, two in Spanish, and one in Portuguese had been issued during the year. The society, the report stated, was at present issuing six periodicals. Four of these were monthlies, and were well-established and exceedingly useful papers, with an aggregate circulation of 500,000 monthly, an issue so great as to make them self-sustaining at the low price for which they were sold. The two weeklies, one in English and the other in German, were both illustrated, and had proved very successful, winning the highest encomiums for the excellence of the matter and the beauty of the engravings. During the year publications for circulation among the destitute, including annuities, had been granted, amounting to $45,561 03, or more than 58,000,000 pages. The statement of receipts and expenditures for the year is as follows: Receipts in donations and legacies, $148,801 10; sales, $391,913 49; making, with balance in the treasury and balance from rent fund, $552,391 30. Expended in manufacturing books and tracts, $231,737 04; manufacturing and issuing periodicals, $146,933 32; colporteurs, agencies, and depositories, $90,766 12; District Secretaries, $20,061 39; appropriations for foreign and Pagan lands, $7,000; all other expenses, as by the Treasurer's report, $35,027 08; total, $551,545 50; balance in the treasury, $840 74. On the subject of colportage the report says: During the year 225 colporteurs, including forty-one students from sixteen colleges and theological seminaries, have been laboring in thirty-six States and Territories, and in the adjoining British provinces. They held or addressed 6,810 religious meetings, made 301,963 family visits, conversed on personal religion or prayed with 140,524 families, found 31,350 Protestant families who habitually neglected attending evangelical preaching, 9,684 families of Roman Catholics, 13,300 families destitute of all religious books except the Bible, and 8,603 Protestant families without the word of God. During the thirty-three years since missionary colportage was inaugurated by the society, the statistical results have been as follows: Time employed, 30,259,527 volumes sold, 2,750,610 volumes granted, 389,926 religious meetings held or addressed, 11,320,837 family visits made, 6,137,699 families conversed with on personal religion or prayed with, 1,540,357 Protestant families habitually neglecting evangelical preaching, 913,269 families of Roman Catholics, 372,161 Protestant families destitute of the Bible, 940,097 families destitute of all religious books, except the Bible. In conclusion, the report states that the foreign grants during the year have been $44,153 22 in publications, and $7,000 in cash and electrotypes. At the conclusion of the reports an address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Tyng, Sr., who spoke in congratulatory terms on the presence of the new President of the society at the meeting. The election of officers then took place. The old board was elected with the following exceptions: Among the Vice Presidents Rev. S. I. Prime, D. D., was elected in place of Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., deceased; O. E. Wood was appointed in place of Hon. W. Strong, elected President; Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D., in place of Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., deceased; and Rev. Drs. R. S. Storrs and Joseph T. Durrea were elected additional Vice Presidents. In the Board of Directors Rev. D. T. U. J. Wylie was elected in place of Rev. John N. McLeod, deceased; Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., in place of Rev. N. H. Pohlman, D. D., deceased; Rev. E. R. Beadle, D. D., in place of Rev. S. Johnson, and Thomas H. Powers in place of Rev. James H. Hamner, D. D. On the motion of Rev. Dr. Prime, it was resolved that a minute be entered on the records of the society expressive of its regret and mourning for the death of Rev. O. Eastman, who filled the office of Financial Secretary from 1839 to 1870, and was subsequently honorary Secretary. Rev. Dr. Schenck also spoke to the resolution. The society having entered upon its fiftieth year, it was resolved, on the motion of Rev. Dr. Creasby, that a special address be prepared for publication, presenting the work of the society and its claims upon the Christian people of the United States; that measures be taken to secure the delivery of special sermons by distinguished ministers; and that other measures be adopted suitable to a jubilee celebration.

The following committees were then elected:

Publishing Committee.—Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D., Rev. John Cotton Smith, D. D., Rev. Wm. I. Budington, D. D., Rev. E. P. Rogers, D. D., Rev. Thos. D. Anderson, D. D., Rev. Chas. B. Schulz.

Distributing Committee.—Alfred S. Barnes, Samuel S. Constant, Dr. Wm. N. Blakeman, Henry P. Marshall, Elbert B. Monroe.

Finance Committee.—Thos. C. Doremus, Geo. N. Titus, Esq., Samuel Colgate, Caleb S. Knevals, Anson Phelps Stokes, James Fraser.

The meeting then adjourned.

NEW-YORK UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary of the New-York Universalist Association was held yesterday in the Church of Our Father, Clermont and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn, about thirty delegates from the various churches and societies being present, besides several visitors. The proceedings began with the "Responsive Service," conducted by Rev. H. R. Nye, Pastor of the Church of Our Father; after which Brother W. J. Martin was chosen Moderator, and Brother William E. Bailey Clerk of the session. After the appointment of standing committees, Rev. Mr. Nye gave a verbal report of the Committee on Conferences. He stated that this portion of the Church work had been attended with the desired results as far as individual church conferences went, but in order to establish a unity among the churches of the body, he advised the holding of weekly general conferences. This, he thought, would be the means of doing away with the present isolation of the societies. The annual statistical reports of the various churches and societies were then read by Mr. Nye. The following is an abstract of the report:

General prosperity accompanied the efforts of the body during the year, the membership in almost every instance showing a marked increase, including the vast additions to the Sunday-schools.

The Church of Our Father has a membership of 190; Sunday-school, 200; library, 1,000 volumes; income of church from pew rent and contributions, $7,800; Pastor's salary, 4,000.

First Presbyterary Church.—Average attendance, 50; Sunday-school, average attendance, 73; Pastor's salary, $1,000.

All Soul's Church, Brooklyn.—Average attendance, 300; attendance at Sunday-school, 394; library, 1,500 volumes; church property, including new church edifice, which cost $50,000, worth $63,000; cost of music per year, $2,000.

Nyack Church.—Average attendance, 60; value of church property, $6,000.

Third Church of Brooklyn, (at present without Pastor).—Average attendance, 125; Sunday-school, 75; library, 550 volumes; value of church property, $8,000.

Harlem Church.—Average attendance, 75; library, 330 volumes; Pastor's salary, $2,000; total income, $1,082.

Fifth Church of New-York, (without a Pastor).—Average attendance, 74; Sunday-school, 50.

Third Church of New-York.—Average attendance, 500; Sunday-school average attendance, 181; Pastor's salary, $3,000; income, $6,500; value of church property, $60,000.

Fourth Church of New-York.—Average attendance, 1,200; Sunday-school, 323; library, 1,385 volumes; Pastor's salary, $10,000; income, $20,000; value of church property, $400,000. At the silver wedding of the Pastor of this Church, Rev. Dr. Chapin, celebrated last year, presents valued at $3,000 were given him by his congregation and friends.

First Church of Huntington.—Average attendance, 50; library, 150 volumes; income, $1,400; Pastor's salary, $950; value of church property, $7,000.

First Church of Hyden.—Average attendance, 125; Sunday-school, 150; library, 650 volumes; Pastor's salary, $2,500; value of church property, $66,000.

First Church of Brooklyn.—Average attendance, 170; Sunday-school, 160; library, 1,000 volumes; income, $7,500; Pastor's salary, $4,000.

After hearing several other minor reports, and listening to short addresses from Rev. Mr. Camp, of the Unitarian Church of Brooklyn, and Rev. Mr. Emerson, of Boston, the association resolved to hold its next anniversary at Nyack. The annual sermon was preached on Tuesday evening by Rev. Mr. Fluhrer, of Harlem, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Sweetzer, Nye, and Seitz.

The Missionary Society met and reorganized last evening, at the rooms of the Young Men's Universalist Association, Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The American Home Missionary Society held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Bible House, Astor place, for the election of managers to replace some who have died during the year. Charles M. Constant presided, and stated that their object in coming together was to mourn the decease of two of the Vice Presidents, Rev. Samuel S. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D.; one of the Directors, Rev. Henry L. Hitchcock, D. D.; one of the Superintendents, Rev. Orville W. Merrill, and eight of the missionaries. The following gentlemen were then elected: Charles Abernethy, of New-York, Vice President; Rev. Robert G. Hutchins, Columbus, Ohio, and E. W. Blatchford, Chicago, Ill., Directors. A report of the Executive Committee was read stating that the number of ministers of the Gospel in the service of the society in thirty-three different States and Territories has lately been 909. Of this number 486 have been the Pastors of single congregations, 293 have ministered in two or three congregations each, and 185 have extended their labors over still wider fields. The number of congregations and missionary stations supplied, in whole or in part, is 2,195. The number of pupils in Sabbath-schools is 74,700. Fifty-seven churches have been organized by the missionaries during the year, and thirty-five have become self-supporting. Forty-seven houses of worship have been completed, 110 repaired, and thirty-two others are in process of erection. One hundred and five churches report revivals of religion, and 335 missionaries report 3,200 hopeful conversions. The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 5,431, of which 2,163 on profession, and 2,258 by letter. The receipts were $290,120 34; expenditures, $287,682 91, leaving $12,652 45 still due to missionaries for labor performed, but not yet reported. In addition to these past dues, appropriations already made and daily becoming due, amount to $106,979 95. Toward defraying such and meeting other appropriations, there is a balance in the treasury of $4,722 16. This summary shows an increase of missionaries and receipts greater than any year since 1861. The report adds that, notwithstanding the embarrassments of the financial panic, the friends of the society generously contributed. But the committee, encouraged by those responses, entered vigorously upon the enlargement of the society's work. They reoccupied, at large expense, the important post at Great Salt Lake City. They secured the exploration of North-eastern Texas, recently opened to immigration through its new railroad system, as well as strengthened the outposts in Dakota and Colorado. Hence the present condition of the treasury is low, the current outlays exceeding the receipts. However, when the exigency is made known to the friends of the cause, it is expected all necessities will be supplied. After disposing of some routine business the meeting adjourned.

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

This evening the annual session of the American Congregational Union will take place at the Broadway Tabernacle, at the corner of Sixth avenue and Thirty-fourth street. The presiding officer will be Rev. T. M. Post, D.D., of St. Louis, Mo., who will appear as a representative of the Congregationalists. All the chief evangelical communions will be represented, which is this year a new and attractive feature of the anniversary. Rev. H. M. Gallaher will represent the Baptists, Rev. W. S. Studley, the Methodists, Rev. John Hall, D.D., the Presbyterians, and Rev. William R. Nicholson, D. D., the Episcopalians.

THE INFLATION VETO AND THE WESTERN PRESS.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 13.—The *Tribune* this morning publishes the replies to a circular sent to the press of the States of Illinois, Indiana Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, asking how each stood on the question of the President's veto of the Currency bill. The summary shows that of the 933 papers answering the circular 514 sustain the veto, 408 oppose it, and 11 are non-committal. Of those sustaining the veto 295 are Republican to 217 Democratic; and of those opposing the veto 234 are Republican to 174 Democratic. Indiana, Missouri, and Kansas are the only States where a majority of the papers oppose the veto.

THE BOSTON OLD SOUTH CHURCH QUESTION.

BOSTON, Mass., May 13.—The Massachusetts Senate has passed the second reading of a bill referring the Old South Church question to the Supreme Court. The bill provides that the Supreme Court, in any suit in equity, shall be governed by the same principles of equity law as if the meeting-house and land had not been the subject of any special legislation, and that the meeting-house shall not be sold or leased until authority shall be received from the court.

THE GREAT WALKING MATCH.

The public interest in Weston's walking feat seems to be on the increase. The number of spectators at the Rink yesterday was in excess of any previous day since the pedestrian commenced his task. Among those present were Wm. B. Dinsmore and family, Dr. Flint and family, Dr. Hastings and ladies, Mr. Butler, of the firm of Butler, Southmayd & Choate, Mr., A. J. Vanderpoel, and Judge J. R. Brady and family. At 12:00:36 yesterday morning, Weston, having accomplished 170 miles of his undertaking retired to rest and enjoyed a good sleep for about four hours. When he again commenced to walk at 5:09:35 he was in splendid condition. At 8:08,13, having walked ten miles, he rested for breakfast, and started again at 9:37:11. The ten miles before breakfast had, by the advice of his trainer and physicians, been accomplished in a leisurely manner; but on resuming his task he walked with considerable more dash, and vigor, and rapidly added another ten miles to his record, making the 190th mile since the commencement. He again rested at 11:59:19 for about ten minutes, and took some nourishment and underwent a rubbing down at the hands of his trainer. He resumed his walk at 12:09:26, and by 1:22:43 had accomplished an additional five miles. At 2:31:43 he had completed 200 miles, when he took his dinner, consisting of cold roast beef, bread, potatoes and coffee. Walking was resumed at 3:59:29, and at 5:01:44 he had accomplished his 35th mile for the day, and 205th of the entire journey.

At 8 o'clock the number of spectators began to increase, and in a brief space there were at least 1,500 persons in the rink, among them many ladies. The presence of such a large and sympathetic audience had a perceptible influence upon Weston, and he began to make excellent time. Just previous to retiring for supper he gave evidence that up to that time his rare gift of speed had undergone no sensible diminution in consequence of the exertions and fatigues he had undergone, for on the sixth round of the 190th mile he dashed round the track in the splendid time of one minute and fifteen seconds. While performing this feat and at its conclusion he was greeted with rounds of enthusiastic applause, the gentlemen clapping hands and the ladies waving their handkerchiefs. At 8 hours 29 minutes, and 37 seconds he left the track to go to supper. Upon reaching his room he was examined by Drs. Doremus and Taylor, who expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with his condition. At 9:37:11, when he left the track the audience numbered fully 2,000. Weston wore his velvet coat, blue sash, and white cap. As he approached the starting-point he was again greeted with applause, which he acknowledged with repeated bows. After walking a couple of rounds he discarded the coat, hat, and sash, and set to work in earnest. During the next few hours he walked well, and made a good average. At 10:55 o'clock he had accomplished his 228th mile, when he rested for eight minutes and ten seconds. During the rest he was attended by the doctors and his trainer. At this time the appearance of the pedestrian indicated considerable exhaustion. Indeed, he seemed thoroughly tired out. The physicians, however, claimed that his condition was attributable entirely to the fact that he was overcome by sleep. This view seemed to be confirmed by the energy with which he walked on resuming his journey. Not a few, however, of those present expressed the opinion that he would not succeed in making the 500 miles in the stipulated time, and remarked that he could only succeed by making an average of ninety miles a day, which, considering his performance of yesterday and the day previous, did not now seem probable.

THE ERIE RAILWAY.

ARRIVAL OF ENGLISH ACCOUNTANTS TO INVESTIGATE THE BOOKS OF THE ROAD—THE GOULD CLIQUE ACTIVE.

The English accountants employed by the British Erie shareholders and selected by Mr. James McHenry to investigate the condition of the books and accounts of the Erie Railway Company, arrived in this City early yesterday morning from Liverpool, by the Cunard steam-ship Abyssinia. It has already been announced that they were to represent the houses of Quilter, Ball & Co., and Turquand, Young & Co., of London, and it was stipulated by Mr. McHenry that one of the principals of each firm, and at least one of the most expert clerks of each house, should come to New-York to make the examination. The gentlemen who have reached the City on this intricate mission are Mr. James Glegg, partner in the house of Quilter, Ball & Co., and H. Bishop, member of the firm of Turquand, Young & Co. They are accompanied by Mr. Edward Jones and Mr. P. T. Duffy, experienced clerks. The party proceeded to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where they are at present stopping. Owing to circumstances not altogether understood, Messrs. Glegg and Bishop did not meet President Watson until nearly 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They had previously visited the company's offices at the Grand Opera-house, but Mr. Watson was out. About 4 o'clock they had a consultation, Mr. McHenry being of the number, in reference to the work to be undertaken, but it has not yet been made known when they will commence operations. It was made a condition by Mr. McHenry, when the gentlemen were employed in England, that they should have the most unrestrained access to every book, list, account document, and paper connected with the financial and business concerns of the company, and to this Mr. Watson gave unqualified consent. It is expected that their task will occupy them about two months.

The Gould Anti-Erie clique in this City keeps up the most persistent efforts to depress the reputation of the company, as is shown by the following fact: Some days since the company had occasion to draw against the loan recently negotiated in Europe by the London Banking Association for Erie. The amount of the credit was £100,000 sterling, and all the negotiations were carried on by cable telegraph, in cypher. Through some "leak" in the telegraph office, it is believed, the "bear" clique got hold of the cypher dispatch. Whether they were able to translate the cypher accurately or not is not known, but they at least interpreted the amount (£100,000) correctly, and immediately circulated the report through all the banking-houses that "an Erie draft for £100,000 had gone to protest in London." A few days later the remittance was made to New-York, and two £20,000 bills were placed in the hands of Duncan, Sherman & Co. for negotiation; but the "bears" had influenced the bankers to such an extent that it was some two or three days before the bills could be sold.

OBITUARY.

FRANKLIN BUCHANAN.

Admiral Franklin Buchanan died yesterday, at his residence in Talbot County, Md., at the advanced age of seventy-four. He is chiefly known as the commander of the Confederate ram Merrimac when she attacked and sunk the United States ships in Hampton Roads, and was subsequently engaged and beaten off by the Monitor. The deceased officer was a native of Maryland, but a citizen of Pennsylvania, from which State he was appointed to the United States Navy. He entered the service on the 28th of January, 1815, and steadily worked himself through the various grades until he reached the highest ranks. His name at the outbreak of the war, in 1861, stood forty-seven on the list of Captains. Higher promotion awaited him, but he resigned. At this time he held the honorable post of Commandant of the Washington Navy-yard. Immediately after his resignation, it is said, he repented of the step, and asked to be reinstated; but this the Government peremptorily refused, and Buchanan went over to the rebels. After the affair with the Merrimac, he commanded the Confederate naval forces at Mobile, when Admiral Farragut assaulted the city. At the conclusion of the war he retired to private life.

NOTES.

Thomas M. Fairbairn, M. P. P., West Peterboro, Ontario, died yesterday, at Jacksonville, Fla. His remains will be taken home to Peterboro, for interment.

Henry G. Pines, M. P. P., for Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, died at Pugwash, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday.

Edward Thomas, a native of Norwich, Conn., and a resident of Augusta, Ga., since 1809, died there yesterday afternoon, aged eighty-one years. He was one of the wealthiest and most respected of the citizens of Augusta.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERMAN REVOLUTION.

The association of German patriots of the revolutionary uprising in Germany in 1848-49, celebrated, yesterday, its twenty-fifth anniversary by a festival at Bender's Schuetzen Park, on Sixty-third street and First avenue, which attracted a large attendance of the surviving veterans. During the afternoon a banner presentation took place, and an oration was delivered by Gen. Sigel, reviewing the history, causes, and effects of the revolutionary movement in Germany twenty-five years ago

THE SILK ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SOCIETY.

SPEECHES BY JOHN HALE AND OTHERS—THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE BELIEVE THE INDUSTRY TO BE PROGRESSING.

The second annual dinner of the Silk Association of America was held last evening at Delmonico's, Fifth avenue and Fourteenth street. The annual meeting was held in the forenoon, and the report of the proceedings will be found below. In the absence of Ward Cheney, of Hartford, Conn., Mr. Thomas N. Dale presided, and among the distinguished gentlemen present were Prof. Barnard, of Columbia College; Hon. John Hale, Ex-Congressman; Seth Low, Hon. Mr. Tomate, Japanese Minister; Hon. W. A. Darlitor, Cyrus Elder, A. B. Strange, Wm. Ryle, B. Richardson, George B. Skinner, Wm. Skinner, Albert Tilt, Franklin Allen, and Thomas Barbour. After the removal of the cloth the Chairman, in the opening speech, congratulated the association upon its increased representation and its present condition of prosperity. The Secretary had read to them the report of the past year, and if the industry represented did not compare favorably with the past years it was not caused by any lack of enterprise or perseverance on the part of their manufacturers. Their cause was strictly in harmony with the spirit of the age, and in the application of the experience of the past to the development of the industries of the present. The work of 1873 was completed and the pieces were woven. Its threads were spun from the fibre of expectation uneven and indifferent in quality. A depreciating and fluctuating demand had dictated its coloring. Financial stringency limited its length and diminished its elasticity. Soft threads here and there appeared in repudiated orders. Low prices and diminished profits gave it an irregular shed. Their web had been composed of alternate hopes and disappointments. A contest, with an overstocked market and, at times, with discontented labor, had characterized the nature of their trade. But an active shuttle, spurred on by foreign competition and bent up with more rigid economy, had produced the piece of 1873, the value of which should be estimated by tested economy acquired in the school of experience, which would enable them in the future to cope with their foreign capitalists with increasing success, and place the silk industry in the foremost rank of American manufactures. They might not have taken their raw material from the bowels of the earth, and with a mighty organized force wrought it into highways for commerce and trade. They may not have spun out their threads from the fleece of animals who grazed upon the Western hills, and woven them into covering to protect from heat and cold. They may not have sought their fibres in the cotton-fields of the South to produce clothing for the rich and for the poor. They may have no part in those magnificent public buildings and capitols which adorned the central cities of the several States, and with their massive Corinthian columns supported expansive domes decorated by arts in which all the industries were represented, but they surrounded them all with a silken cord, and led men in the avenues of cultivated taste to the shrine of that goddess, whom they decked with flowing ribbons and silken robes.

The toasts of "Our country," "The land of liberty and refuge for the oppressed," and "The President of the United States, whose victory with the pen equals his achievements with the sword," were proposed and honored with cheers.

The toast "American silk industry—a present credit, a future pride," was responded to by Hon. John Hale. Mr. Hale commented on the present gratifying position the silk trade now assumed before the American people, observing that no description of industry was compelled to endure so much opposition and misrepresentation. He felt that, notwithstanding the difficulties which beset its progress, the enterprise of its promoters had established the trade upon as solid a foundation as any other industry of this country to-day. [Applause.] He called attention to a period in their past history when the Governor of Connecticut wore a silk gown of native manufacture, and in 1770 a dress was made for the Queen of England in Pennsylvania, which she wore on memorable occasions. The present attitude of the trade before the nation was a source of unmixed pride, and he remembered two years ago, when a committee from the association went to Washington, the astonishment of many of the most eminent members of Congress at the excellence of quality and the beauty of finish of the silk brought before them for examination. From actual experience he (Mr. Hale) estimated the silk of American manufacture in preference to the product of any other nation, and the great want at present experienced was the protection and encouragement of this branch of industry by the American Government. [Applause.] In the year 1860, the first year this manufacture was carried on, in ten years the increase in the population was seventy-five per cent., and the condition of those engaged in it was equal to that of any class of people in the same sphere of life in the world. On the subject of the superiority of the American silk, Mr. Hale approved of the idea which discarded the foreign brands and made the native article a specialty, and delivered some hearty words of encouragement and cheer respecting the future prospects of the trade and the benefits which would entail on the nation by the extension and protection of silk manufacture.

Mr. Seth Low replied to the toast "The foreign silk-producing countries, united by the friendly ties of commerce." Mr. Low's address treated upon the future of the manufacture of silk in the East in China and Japan, and strongly commended the position taken by the Silk Association of America as the one best likely to promote the ends they contemplated.

Mr. Tomati, Japanese Minister, also responded to the same toast. He congratulated the association on the progress which attended its efforts, observing that in silk manufacture there was no clashing of interests between the producers in Japan and in America. Their interests were identical, their commerce was the same, and they were united in questions affecting their commercial and general relations. [Applause.]

Mr. Richardson spoke to the sentiment, "The Silk Association of America," with which his name was connected. He advocated protection in a speech full of humor and considerable ability, and he was followed by Mr. Wm. Strange, who also responded to the same toast in terms of similar import.

Mr. Thomas Barbour responded to the toast of "Kindred Associations." He spoke with satisfaction of the triumph over the numerous obstacles which threatened their young organization with destruction, and to their development alone was attributable the success of many leading cities in this and other States. Triumph inevitably awaited an association of the intelligence and minds of any industry acting in unity, and its success demonstrated it beyond question. He spoke of the linen industry as a kindred association, and condemned in unmeasured terms certain actions of the Custom-house officials in relation to the unauthorized seizure of merchants' goods at the port of New-York. He had no doubt of the complete success of the silk organization of America.

Mr. Elder spoke to the toast of "Our Pioneers." He referred to the objects of the Silk Association, and the opposition this branch of American industry experienced from the political economists of the English school. Free trade policy, which would call itself a philosophy, was not in accord with the spirit of American institutions. From the time when George Washington as first President signed the first Tariff bill, and Alexander Hamilton, the statesman of the Revolution, made his famous report vindicating the policy of protection, down to the present time, the country has generally shown a willingness to encourage native industries. The Treasury needed a large revenue, which had to be drawn up a great measure from Customs; and among the things singled out to bear heavy duties was silk, because it was regarded as a luxury. A large number of our legislators hold the theory that the price of commodities must be increased to the consumer to the full amount of the duties imposed upon them; and they supported the silk duties as a tariff upon the rich, and it was intended to remove this fabric out of the reach of the masses. But this theory had been fatal with respect to silk; and like commodities the way to command a full supply of the best quality at a fair price was through protection to home industry. Hon. Wm. A. Darling was then introduced. He expressed a desire to see the country grow in every respect and in every branch of industry. In connection with the subject of industry he associated that of labor, observing that while they desired the immigration of the skilled laborers it was a national duty to protect labor in its rights and dignity and ennoble it. He treated of his own official position in regard to the importation of silk, and claimed that he thought the Government honestly desired fair and liberal dealings with their merchants.

Prof. Barnard responded to the sentiment of "Industrial Exhibitions," but having, at the commencement asserted that he was not in sympathy with protection, his remarks did not meet with general favor.

The toasts of the "Press" and the "Ladies" were responded to, and the festivities terminated.

THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The business meeting of the association was held yesterday afternoon, at the rooms of the association, No. 93 Duane street. Mr. Thomas N. Dale presided. Mr. Franklin Allen, Secretary, submitted the annual report, which showed a general satisfactory condition of the silk industry of the country. The operatives of the silk mills throughout the country, the report stated, had been very generally maintained at work, the reduction of labor in all the mills averaging but twelve per cent. in the past year. In New-York the operatives had been employed 12 per cent. of the usual time, in Pennsylvania 82 per cent., in New-Jersey 89¼, in Connecticut 93¾, and in Massachusetts 96¾ per cent. The silk-ribbon industry of America during the year ending May 1 had been unsatisfactory. Neither had the Spring brought any amelioration of this condition of things, and other kinds of materials seemed to have usurped the place of ribbons. The trade in passementerie and silk upholstery trimmings was not regarded as satisfactory, but the prospects were more hopeful than in the case of the ribbon industry. The sewing-silk and machine-twist branch of the trade had been fairly prosperous during the year ending Dec. 31, 1873, the amount of goods manufactured and disposed of being in excess of the production of any previous year. The quality of goods of this class had been steadily improving for several years past, the improvement coming into more particular notice in the case of machine twist. In the department of crepe silks and piece goods there had been a marked decrease in production, owing chiefly to the financial panic. While the quantity, however, had decreased, there had been a marked improvement both in color and texture. The report referred in encouraging terms to the advantages resulting from the proximity of the market to China and Japan. The following is the value of the silk production of America for the year ending Dec. 31, 1873:

Spun, fine silk, tram and Organé, $2,585,027; broad silk, $1,179,300; handkerchiefs and neckties, silks, $1,229,117; ribbons, $9,054,511; pongees, $350,000; laces, $150,400; sewing silk, $992,210; machine twist, $5,517,413; braids and bindges, $364,000; silk and cotton, $150,000; upholstery, printage, and coach-laces, $160,000; passementerie, $2,753,000; total, $15,704,187.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Ward Cheney, President; Thos. W. Dale, A. B. Strange, and Wm. Ryle, Vice Presidents; A. A. Low, R. D. Hortzmann, Geo. B. Skinner, Ira Dimpole, R. Richardson, Wm. Strange, C. Greppo, A. Solellac, Wm. Skinner, Albert Tilt, W. Itschner, and F. W. Cheney, Directors; John N. Stearns, Treasurer, and Franklin Allen, Secretary.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT—OFFICERS ELECTED.

HARRISBUG, Penn., May 13.—The eighth annual meeting of the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic met to-day. The reports of the officers show a highly gratifying degree of progress throughout the organization.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander in Chief, Charles Devens, Jr., of Massachusetts; Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Edward Jardine, of New-York; Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Guy Gould, of Illinois; Surgeon General, Dr. Hans Cowell, of New-York; Chaplain in Chief, Rev. A. Woodbury, of Rhode Island; Council of Administration—Maine, Edward Moore; New-Hampshire, W. P. Moses; Vermont, F. A. Lewis; Massachusetts, C. G. Atwood; Rhode Island, S. W. Higginson; Connecticut, S. M. Smith; New-York, E. A. Perry; New-Jersey, A. M. Way; Pennsylvania, Jos. W. Latta; District of Columbia, Amos J. Gunning; Virginia, H. B. Nicholls; Ohio, J. H. Seymour; Illinois, J. J. Palmer; Wisconsin, Gabe Brick; Minnesota, James George.

Chicago was selected as the next place of meeting in May, 1875.

Considerable business pertaining to the organization was perfected, and the Encampment adjourned, after passing a resolution thanking the Committee of Arrangements and the citizens generally for their kindness and hospitality.

In the evening the representatives paid their respects to their comrade, Gov. Hartranft, at the Executive Mansion, and were handsomely entertained by Gov. and Mrs. Hartranft, after which, headed by Beck's Philadelphia Band, they marched to the Lochiel Hotel to partake of a banquet tendered them by the citizens of Harrisburg.

After the dinner, speeches were made by Col. Underwood, of Massachusetts; Gen. Devens, Gov. Hartranft, E. A. Perry, of New-York; Gen. J. C. Robinson, Lieutenant Governor of New-York; and Rev. A. Woodbury, of Rhode Island, and others.

They separated at a late hour, highly pleased with the manner in which they had been entertained.

THE BALL AND BAT.

FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN CHICAGO—THE ATHLETICS "CHICAGOED" BY THE WHITE STOCKINGS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, May 13.—The first championship game played in this city this season took place this afternoon between the White Stockings and Athletics, of Philadelphia. The result was the disastrous defeat of the Athletics. Nine times in succession were they whitewashed, but they played an up-hill game with great pluck, and kept the Chicagos down to four runs. The game was witnessed by at least 5,000 persons, and the début of our professionals was so successful that everybody went home satisfied that Chicago has one of, if not the best nine in the country. While there were several errors committed on both sides, the fielding was at times magnificent. Take, for instance, the seventh inning, when the Athletics had three men on bases, only one man out, and Anson, their heavy hitter, at the bat, they were whitewashed after all. It was, from first to last, a fine exhibition of the national game, for though seven of the Athletics got to first on errors, not one of them could reach the home-plate. Of the ten mistakes made by the visiting club, Anson alone made five errors. The score was as follows:

WHITE STOCKINGS.	R.	I. B. R.		ATHLETIC.	R.	I. B. R.	
Cuthbert, l. f.	1	0	0	McGeary, c.	0	0	2
Force, s. s.	1	1	2	McBride, p.	0	0	0
Malour, c.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The following business was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, Wednesday, May 13:

Wm. Kennelly, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, sold the two-story, attic, and basement brick house, with lot 26.1 by 100, No. 123 Monroe street, between Rutgers and Jefferson, for $9,350, to W. R. Foster. Also, the premises Nos. 311 and 313 Monroe street, between Jackson and Corlears streets, embracing a plot 41.8 by 85.9, with a four-story brick store and tenement, 20 by 85.9, thereon, for $13,150, to Charles G. Dean.

A. H. Muller & Son, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of Robert L. Reade, Esq., Referee, disposed of the three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 18 by 50, with lot 74 feet deep, No. 106 East Seventy-fourth street, south side, 54 feet east of Fourth avenue, for $13,350, to E. E. Anderson, plaintiff in the legal action.

James M. Miller, under a Supreme Court foreclosure order, Francis M. Scott, Esq., Referee, sold an extra-sized lot, 25 by 193.3 by 25.11 by 186.4, on West Fortieth street, south side, 75 feet east of Sixth avenue, opposite Reservoir square, for $34,100, to Wm. S. Ridabock. The lot started at $20,000, and run up at $50 bids to the price noted.

Richard V. Harnett sold at public auction two lots, each 25 by about 98, on West Seventy-second street, south side, 250 feet east of Eleventh avenue, for $8,450 each, to Richard H. Green. Two lots adjoining, billed for sale, were withdrawn, as were also two lots on Fourth avenue, north-west corner of One Hundred and Third street. Mr. Harnett also sold by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of Isaac L. Miller, Esq., Referee, two lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, south side, 375 feet west of Seventh avenue, for $8,900, and the other for $8,925, to Chas. E. Develin. The legal sale in charge of the same auctioneer, of four lots on East Sixty-ninth street, east of Fourth avenue, was adjourned to June 3.

Dingee, Porter & Co. offered at public auction the two four-story and basement brown-stone-front houses, each 20 by 65, with lots each 100.5 feet deep, Nos. 318 and 330 West Fifty-eighth street, south side, 245 feet west of Eighth avenue, one of which was knocked down for $30,350, and the other withdrawn.

Hugh N. Camp adjourned the Supreme Court sale of a house and lot on First avenue, north of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, to Wednesday of next week.

Concerning the sales held yesterday in Brooklyn by Jere. Johnson, Jr., in Jersey City, by M. Gibson, and at Schuylerville, Westchester County, by Foley & Beckenbaugh, reports, if received, will be published to-morrow.

In our report yesterday of the sale made by E. A. Lawrence & Co., at the Exchange, on Tuesday, of the leasehold property No. 49 Eighth street, the price realized should have been $17,700, instead of $14,700, as noted.

In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jere. Johnson, Jr., under a Supreme Court order, sold 700 lots, with eighty-five acres of land and 1,300 feet water-front—in all, 130 acres—located at Fort Hamilton, Long Island, adjoining lands of the United States, known as the "Post Farm," and belonging to the estate of Christian Morrison, deceased, for $30,000. The entire property was sold in one parcel, and purchased by Archibald Young.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

To-day's sales are as follows—all at the Exchange but that last named:

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., public auction sale of the business property No. 19 Ann street, north-west corner of Theatre alley, embracing a plot 20 by 50, (rear line 26 feet,) with a six-story brick building thereon.

By Dingee, Porter & Co., public auction sale of ten lots, together in size 201.10 by 80, being the block fronting on Avenue A, east side, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, and one lot, 50 by 69, with a frame shop thereon, on Avenue A, west side, 50.5 feet north of One Hundred and Fourteenth street. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, T. H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of the following lots: Two full lots on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, north side, and two lots on West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, south side, (rears adjoining,) between Seventh and Eighth avenues; one full lot on East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, north side, and one lot on East One Hundred and Thirtieth street, south side, (rears adjoining,) between Fourth and Madison avenues.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas Boese, Esq., Referee, of two houses, with lots each 20 by 100.4, on West Forty-second street, north side, 260 feet west of Ninth avenue.

By E. H. Lodie & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Jerome Buck, Esq., Referee, of the frame house, with lot 25 by about 33, No. 317 East Fifty-ninth street, north side, 208.2 feet east of Second avenue.

By J. Cole, in Brooklyn, at Commercial Exchange, No. 389 Fulton street, executor's sale to close estate of Charles Kelsey, deceased, of five lots, each 25 by 122, with a three-story, attic, and basement brick house, two-story brick stable, and conservatory thereon, known as Nos. 26, 28, 30, 32, and 34 Strong place.

EXCHANGE SALES, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13.

NEW-YORK.

By Wm. Kennelly.

1 two-story attic and basement brick house and lot, No. 123 Monroe st., between Rutgers and Jefferson sts., lot 26.1x100 ..... $9,350

1 four-and-a-half-story brick tenement, Nos. 311 and 313 Monroe st., between Jackson and Corlears sts., plot 41.8x85.9, building 30x85.9. 13,150

By A. H. Muller & Son.

1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, No. 106 East 74th st., s. s., 54 ft. e. of 4th av., lot 18x74, house 50 ft. deep..$13,350

By James M. Miller.

1 plot, West 40th st., s. s., 75 ft. e. of 6th av., 25 x19.5.3x25.11x186.4 ..... $34,100

By R. V. Harnett.

2 lots, West 72d st., s. s. 250 ft. e. of 11th av., each 25 x about 7[illegible] $16,900

2 lots, West 126th st., s. s. 275 ft. w. of 7th av., each 26x99.11 5,825

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Tuesday, May 12.

Beekman place, e. s., 40.5 ft. n. of 50th st., 20x 100 32,000

Eldridge st., w. s., 80 ft. n. of Delancey st., 20x50. 18,200

Elton st., s. s., 175 ft. w. of Cortlandt av.; runs s. 21 ft., to Governor st., thence w. 125 ft., thence n. 115.11 ft., thence s. c. 50 ft., thence n. 116.3 ft. to Elton st., thence e. 75 ft. 6,201

103d st., s. s., 332 ft. e. of 2d av., 23x103.3 17,750

19th st., No. 28 West, s. s., 510 ft. e. of 6th av., 25x92 37,000

53d st., s. s., 400 ft. w. of 6th av., 25x100.5 15,000

61st st., n. s., 95 ft. e. of 3d av., 20x100.5. 20,000

81st st., n. s., 550 ft. w. of 8th av., 25x102.2; 82d st., s. s., 550 ft. w. of 8th av., 25x102.2. 9,000

Avenue A, w. s., 23 ft. n. of 19th st., 46x93.10. 25,000

103d st., s. s., 64 ft. n. c. of De Voe st., runs s. 90 ft., thence s. w. to De Voe st., thence e. 26.10 ft., thence n. e. 31.6 ft., thence n. w. 112.6 ft. to 103d av., thence s. w. 40 ft., West Farms 2,528

South 5th av., w. s., No. 54, 25x75 19,500

5th av., e. s., 78.5 ft. n. of 62d st., 22x108 80,000

10th av., w. s., 75.11 ft. n. of 160th st., 25x64. 10,200

10th av., e. s., 40.4 ft. n. of 160th st., 20.2x90. 3,500

LEASES RECORDED.

2d av., No. 977, store &c., 5 years, per year... $1,260

3d av., No. 327, 3 years, per year 1,000

Pier No. 5 North River, 5 years, per year 18,000

Pier No. 4 North River, 10 years, per year 17,000

CITY REAL ESTATE.

TO OWNERS OF TENEMENT OR OTHER PROPERTY THAT NEEDS TO BE PUT IN GOOD REPAIR.—The undersigned wishes to take such property as needs the most repair and lease the same for a reasonable time, and will guarantee to put it in good order and keep the same in such order for the time required. Security given as to rent and repairs. JOHN T. O'BRIEN, Mason and Builder.
Residence, No. 214 6th st., New-York.
Shops, No. 73 South Washington square and No. 200 East 14th st., corner of 3d av.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The carpenter shop of Wm. S. Hunts, consisting of three and one-third lots of ground, Nos. 326, 328, and 330 West 21st st., the building covering the whole front on lots; also, the engine, boilers, and machinery; suitable for a carpenter or cabinet-maker, with a large drying-room. Inquire on the premises.

EXCHANGE.—A THREE-STORY BROWN-STONE house, below 30th st., free and clear, value, $25,000, to exchange for a good four-story brown-stone house, $50,000 to $60,000. Address 6th av. box below Park, Principals, address EXCHANGE, Box No. 187 *Times* Office.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—FOUR FULL lots on 129th and 130th sts., 300 feet west of 7th av. Boulevard, 50 feet front on each street. Nos. 7 and 9 William H. OSBORN, No. 2,048 3d av., corner 114th st.

A GREAT BARGAIN.—FOR SALE OR LEASE—The best corner lot on West Broadway; terms easy. For particulars address OWNER, Post Office Box No. 424.

WE HAVE TRUST FUNDS TO LOAN UPON improved real estate in this City for five years; also money for second and leasehold mortgages.
SAWARD & LEAVITT, No. 54 Wall st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

STORAGE STORES FOR SALE OR LEASE—NOS. 3 and 5 Atlantic Dock, fronting East River, near Hamilton Ferry; rent together, $2,400. Apply to W. H. SCHIEFFELIN & CO., No. 170 William st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—SPECIALTY.—ELLWELLYN Park, unfurnished French-roofed residence; modern conveniences; beautiful, high, healthful location; one and a half acres; elegant lawns, stable; neighborhood unexceptionable. Plans and particulars at HAMILTON & WALLIS, No. 30 Pine st., New-York.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—MY FURNISHED RESIDENCE on the Hudson, at Scarborough, above Tarrytown; new, first class; all modern improvements; ample out-buildings; views perfectly magnificent; ten acres in lawn, grove, orchard, garden, and meadow; also, villa sites adjoining. JOHN B. CHURCH,
No. 11 Pine st.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—WITH OR WITHOUT ten or twenty acres, a pleasant country residence, overlooking Long Island Sound. Five minutes' walk from Woodlawn Station, 16 miles west of New-Haven, Conn., on New-York and New-Haven Railroad. Inquire of or address J. AYRES, Woodlawn, Conn.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—ELEGANT NEW SWISS cottage, on Fort Hill, 4th av., New-Brighton. WM. A. CROOKER, No. 159 Broadway, second story; Room No. 3, or PHILIP S. JUSTICE, No. 42 Cliff st., New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

A MOST DESIRABLE COUNTRY SEAT FOR Sale or to Let, Furnished—At New-Hamburg, with a frontage on the Hudson River; two and a half hours from City by express; a wide and substantial brick mansion, with parlor, dining-room, library, smoking-room, billiard-room, and hall 12 feet wide, all on the first floor; all modern conveniences; subcellar below kitchen story; house and grounds dry and absolutely healthful; hot and cold graperies, fishing, farmer's and gardener's houses, &c.; beautiful and extensive river view, fine avenue, old trees, large garden, with fruits; in all, some forty-five acres; beautifully disposed naturally, and many years under cultivating hostlers and surroundings unusually desirable; as a residence for a gentleman's family it is in all respects without objectionable features, and possesses rare beauties and advantages. Apply to A. SATTERLEE, Executor, No. 171 Broadway, or to E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine st.

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Forty minutes from foot of Chambers st. Dwellings and building sites for sale in great variety, and on accommodating terms. Houses built to order. Apply to Henry G. Hall, 41 Worth st.; F. T. Tomkins, 37 Park row; Robert S. Walker, 205 Broadway; George McKibbin, 49 Greene st.; John Barry, 196 Broadway; D. B. Ivison, 138 Grand st.; N. T. Hewitt, Agent Union Land Co., 8 Broad st., Room 11; E. J. Love, 243 Hudson st.; J. T. Beckwith, 312 Greenwich st.

AT $10 MONTHLY OR $200 DOWN AND BALance in three years, (suit purchaser,) a Finishing Park lot; prices from $600 to $800, which include elegant shade and ornamental trees, stone sidewalks, excellent schools and church privileges, (10 churches;) fine boating and fishing, splendid drives; seven railroad depots; 120 trains daily, from 5 A. M. till 12:15 P. M.; fare, 8 cents. Take James Slip Ferry at foot Chambers st., or Thirty-second street Ferry, and go to HITCHCOCK'S Land office, opposite Main Street Depot, in Flushing, or call for map at HITCHCOCK'S Real Estate Head-quarters, on 3d av., corner 26th st.

FOR SALE—TARRYTOWN.—A FIRST-CLASS NEW house, built in the best manner, containing seven-teen rooms, bath-room, water-closets, gas, &c., with three-quarters of an acre of land, stocked with fruit-trees and shrubs; pleasantly situated, and only two minutes' walk from the river; price, with lot, 50x150, $11,500. Apply to FRANK VINCENT, Savings Bank, Tarrytown.

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FOR SALE.—THERE ARE THREE PHOTOGRAPHIC views of a very handsome villa, at a convenient distance from New-York, to be seen at the Shoe and Leather Bank, Broadway. Examine them if you are looking for a permanent home or a safe and profitable investment. Further information to be had at the bank.

A BEAUTIFUL FARM OF SEVENTY-FIVE acres; gothic house, newly furnished; near village and depot; healthy and desirably-fitted up by a New-Yorker; must be sold; terms easy; worth double the price asked, ($15,000.) Also, two villas in Wyoming, N. J., to let or sell. Apply to L. W. BADGER, Wyoming, N. J., or A. D. WAGNER, Room No. 1, No. 23 Murray st.

AT PRINCETON, N. J.—FINE COUNTRY-SEAT, 150 acres, all arable; large mansion; twenty rooms; all conveniences; ice-house, stable, and carriage-houses; abundance fruit and shade; near depot; or will rent ten acres with mansion, for season or year. J. D. CONDICT, No. 149 Broadway.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—AT RYE NECK—A pleasant cottage house, with half an acre of ground; water front of sixty feet, and seventy feet on Boston turnpike road; one hour from New-York; plenty of fruit and shade trees, good lawn, &c.; a very desirable small place. T. S. SHEPHERD, No. 181 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A COUNTRY SEAT; TEN TO EIGHTY acres; large house, in good repair, and shaded; large barns, &c.; fruit of all kinds; fine location; near depot; one and a quarter hours' ride from New-York City. Apply to WM. MACKAY, Somerville, N. J.

FOR SALE.—A LARGE, WELL-BUILT COUNTRY-house, with barns and other out-buildings, and fifteen acres or more of land; one and three-quarter miles from depot; to be sold at a bargain at Cranford, N. J. A. D. MILLICK, Jr., & BRO., No. 6 Pine st., N. Y.

ELEGANT FARM, 202 ACRES, NEAR MORRIS-town, N. J.—For sale or will exchange for a City residence. Fine mansion; ample barns; one-half mile from depot; $30,000; mortgage, $8,000. J. D. CONDICT, No. 149 Broadway.

OWNER DETERMINED TO "GO WEST," offers at sacrifice, 160 acres choice land near Goshen, Orange County, N. Y.; price, $60 per acre; easy terms. Call or address owner, A. M. VAIL, Goshen, N. Y.

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ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone streets.

FOR SALE OR RENT—HOUSE AND CARRIAGE-house on Main st., Westfield, N. J., three minutes from depot; commutation $75 per year.
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NINTH AVENUE—Two lots, west side, 50.5 feet south of 67th st., and one lot south side 67th st., 68.9½ feet east of the Boulevard.

SIXTY-THIRD STREET—Three lots, south side, 70 feet west of Madison av., and near Central Park.

On TUESDAY, MAY 19,
at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway.

Map at office of ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON, Auctioneers,
No. 7 Pine st.

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SUPREME COURT SALE—HOUSES AND LOTS Nos. 240 and 242 Stanton, corner of Willett st., on FRIDAY, May 15, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room.

WM. MAN, Referee.
GEO. W. WINGATE, Attorney,
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VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY IN THE NINTH WARD.
WEDNESDAY, May 20, 1874, at the Real Estate Exchange, No. 111 Broadway, at 12 o'clock, without reserve, to the highest bidder, the valuable four-story and basement brick buildings on north-west corner Waverley place and West 10th st., and two buildings adjoining in Waverley place, in the rear, well located and rented. Further particulars at auctioneers', No. 2,308 3d av. and No. 111 Broadway.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1874,
At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order Supreme Court,
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All the land between 125th and 126th sts., and 89th to 91st st.
Equal to about 115 City Lots.

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SUPREME COURT SALE OF TWELVE LOTS, south-east corner of 1st av. and 97th st., 100.11x295 feet,
on FRIDAY, May 15,
at 12 o'clock; at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway.
Avery T. Brown, Esq., Referee,
ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON, Auctioneers,
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CHARLES W. ROGERS, Auctioneer.

AT GREAT NECK, LONG ISLAND, ON SATURDAY, May 16, at 1 o'clock P. M.; on the premises, a splendid shore-front property of forty-five acres, with large mansion and necessary out-buildings, fruit, and ornamental trees. Trains leave Hunter's Point at 9:35 A. M.; conveyances at depot. Sale peremptory. Further particulars of
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NICHOLAS B. LOWE, No. 5 Pine st.

DINGEE, PORTER & CO., AUCTIONEERS, sell THIS DAY, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, at 12 o'clock M., the easterly front of Avenue A, 113th and 114th sts.; also, lot with frame building, west side Avenue A, 114th and 115th sts.

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A VERY DESIRABLE COUNTRY RESIDENCE, completely furnished, will be sold for less than $20,000, or leased for a term of years; water, furnace, gas; superior sea-bathing; two hours distant by rail. See photographs and particulars at office D. H. ANTHONY, No. 58 William, near Wall st.

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TO LET—AT WOODLAWN, HARLEM RAILROAD, half mile west of depot, a large furnished house, with lawn, garden, carriage-house, and stable; plenty of fruit and shade trees; rent moderate. If you are looking for a permanent home or a safe and profitable investment, call on or address P. VALENTINE, No. 177 Madison av., or No. 24 Burling slip, up stairs.

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FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET—AT NEW Rochelle and Pelham, Westchester County—stone mansion, splendidly furnished; use of water-front; twenty acres; $250 per month. A commodious house, seven rooms, carriage, view, &c.; $250 a month. Pleasant residence in Rockwood Park; fine furniture; $1,500 for season. Unfurnished houses to suit applicants. LE COUNT & FISH, Real Estate Agents, No. 136 Pearl st., New-York, or Main st., New-Rochelle, N. Y.

TO LET—COUNTRY RESIDENCE, AT DOBBS' Ferry, on the Hudson, furnished, fifty minutes from Forty-second Street Depot, with large house, in complete order; fine lawns, with walks, fountains, &c.; greenhouse, barn, ice-house filled, garden planted, scenery, with fowls, and everything to make it a first-class country residence. Inquire of J. W. DURYEE, No. 258 Cherry st.

TO RENT—CLIFFSIDE, ON THE HUDSON, A charming country seat, (one hour and ten minutes from the City,) furnished; garden made, fruits in variety and abundance; views unequaled, perfectly healthy, pure water in house; no nuisance in neighborhood; terms minimized five from depot on eighty-foot avenue, just opened, one of the finest drives in the State. For terms, &c., apply to W. R. DEAN, Nyack, N. Y.

TO LET—COUNTRY RESIDENCE, ONE HOUR FROM New-York, on New-York and New-Haven Railroad; frame house, small; about two acres; grounds consist of nine acres, beautifully laid out in lawn, &c., fruit and shade trees in abundance; it is three-quarters of a mile from station, near the city water; rent $1,000 per year, furnished; unfurnished, $800.
T. S. SHEPHERD, No. 181 Broadway.

TO LET—A GENTLEMAN'S COUNTRY RESIDENCE at Rye, one hour from 42d st. by New-Haven Railroad; half mile from depot and near Long Island Sound; fully furnished, with use of horses, carriage, cows, &c., to a satisfactory tenant; house large; grounds twelve acres; fruits in abundance; will rent to Nov. 1.
T. S. SHEPHERD, No. 181 Broadway.

TO LET—A COUNTRY RESIDENCE ON LONG Island Sound, at Oriental, Manuroneck, N. Y., one hour from New-York; pleasant neighborhood; double house, with two-story wing, fourteen rooms, with all modern improvements; beautiful shade-trees, plenty of fruit, fine garden. Will rent at a moderate price.
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TO RENT—FOR THE SUMMER, OR LONGER IF desired, a country-seat two and a half miles south of Newburg and five from West Point. For health, beauty, and location it is unsurpassed on the river; house is large and handsomely furnished; garden, fruit, house, extensive pleasure grounds, bench, &c. Also for sale. Apply to VERPLANCK BROS., No. 92 Chambers st.

ORANGE, N. J.—SPECIALTY—RENT, ELLWELL-yn Park, beautiful, high, healthful location, 1½ acres, pretty lawns, fruit, shade, stable; French roof house, six bedrooms; modern conveniences; neighborhood unexceptionable. HAMILTON & WALLIS, No. 30 Pine st.

TO LET—NICE FLAT, SIX ROOMS, FINE ORDER, in well-situated three-story-and-basement house, balance occupied by one small family; rent very reasonable to small, desirable family. Apply on premises, No. 645 6th av., near 38th st.

THE BEST SHOOTING, FISHING, AND SAILING.—To Let—A furnished Swiss villa; all City improvements, and ice-house filled, on the New-Jersey coast, below Long Branch; lovely spot, and will be let low. Apply to owner, No. 83 Irving place.

TO LET—ASTORIA, LONG ISLAND.—A COUNTRY house; good location, plenty of ground attached, with shade, well of good water, cistern never dry; rent low to a good tenant. Apply to JACOB F. WRIGHT, Astoria.

PART OF A PLEASANT COUNTRY HOUSE TO rent furnished for the Summer, or longer, to gentleman and wife; price, $25 per month. Address COTTAGE, Mount Vernon, Westchester County, N. Y.

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CATSKILL.—FURNISHED RESIDENCE TO LET from May 15 for four months; river and mountain view. Address J. PARKS, Catskills.

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LOFTS, OFFICES, AND SUB-CELLARS IN Barclay and Vesey sts., on Broadway block. Apply to J. & J. W. MASON, 230 Vesey st., Room No. 6.

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WANTED TO RENT—FOR THREE OR FOUR months from June 1, a moderate-sized well-furnished country place in healthy location, not more than one hour and a half from New-York; rent must be moderate. Address COMFORT, Box No. 173 *Times* Office.

A PROTESTANT MAN AND WIFE, HO-landers, no children, speak good English, with very good reference from last gentleman, would like to take charge of a gentleman's residence in the Summer months, in City or country. Can be seen at No. 80 East Broadway. John P. Hoff.

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AUCTION SALES.

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WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1874,
At 12:30 o'clock P. M., at the EXCHANGE SALES-ROOM, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, by order of the executors of Laura Johnson, deceased: 76 shares Union Ferry Company to Brooklyn, par $100; 80 shares Mechanics' Bank of Brooklyn, par $50; 106 shares Long Island Bank of Brooklyn, par $50; 160 shares Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, par $100; 50 shares Atlantic Bank of Brooklyn, par $50; 9 bonds United States five per cent., Sept. 1, 1874, $1,000 each.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY BROWN & SECCOMB.—THIS DAY, (Thursday,) May 14, at 11:30 o'clock, within their store, fresh Palermo lemons, cargo Ty Ando, can be seen on Pier No. 16 East River; also fresh Messina oranges and lemons, cargo Shannon, can be seen on Pier No. 11 East River; also fresh Palermo oranges and lemons, bounce steam-ship Alexandra.

D. M. SEIMAN, Auctioneer.

HANDSOME BLACK WALNUT PARLOR, dining, and bedroom suites, Brussels carpets, &c., &c., at auction, FRIDAY, May 15, at 10:30 o'clock, at private residence No. 28 West 40th st. Catalogues at No. 14 Pine st.

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$40,000 WANTED, IN SUMS OF $1,000 or more, to increase the capital of a company already organized and in successful operation, (no liability,) for the manufacture of articles sold for cash in advance of production and secured by letters patent in this country and Europe; ten per cent. per annum will be guaranteed; profits from twenty to thirty per cent.; best City references given. Address Post-office Box No. 4,517, New-York City, with name and address.

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To rent for season 1874—Bouquet and news stand, Ocean Hotel; cigar stand, Ocean Hotel; stables with one hundred stalls, Ocean Hotel. Apply to CHARLES & WARREN LELAND, Long Branch, or Sturtevant House, New-York.

FOR SALE.—A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR A BUS-iness man with capital; the lease, good-will, and stock of the well-known located store for fine groceries and choice wines, teas, cigars, &c., of the late HUGH B. JACKSON, No. 189 5th av., between 22d and 23d sts. Apply to the executors at the store from 5 P. M. to 6:30 o'clock.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

DEDICATION SERVICES.—REV. STEPHEN H. Tyng, Jr., D. D., will preach in the New-York Presbyterian Church, West 14th st., between 6th and 7th ave., this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

ASCENSION DAY.—CHRIST CHURCH, 5TH AV. A.—Morning prayer, service, and holy communion at 10:30.

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NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual election for thirteen Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, Grand Central Depot, New-York City, on TUESDAY, the 19th day of May, 1874. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon, until 2 o'clock P. M. of that day. The transfer-books will be closed from 3 P. M. of the 2d of May until 9 o'clock A. M. of the 20th of May.

ROBERT J. NIVEN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, April 25, 1874.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, No. 71 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, May 13, 1874.

AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company, held on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were duly elected managers for the ensuing year:

CHARLES F. TALBOT, JOHN JACOB ASTOR,
ABIEL A. LOW, THOMAS CORNELL,
ROBT. LENOX KENNEDY, W. J. HOPPIN,
JAMES M. HALSTED, J. PIERPONT MORGAN,
JOHN CRANFORD, ORLANDO CANNON,
JAMES R. TAYLOR, ROBT. M. OLYPHANT,
THOMAS DICKSON.

And at a meeting of the Board of Managers, held THIS DAY, THOMAS DICKSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

By order of the Board,
GEORGE L. HAIGHT, Secretary.

LAKE SUPERIOR SHIP CANAL, RAILROAD & IRON COMPANY.—For sale—$187,000—Receivers' certificates, second series, dated 8th May, inst., payable one year from date, with interest at 7 per cent; authorized by order of the United States Circuit Court for Eastern District of Michigan to reimburse expenses of completing the canal.
Proposals for purchase of the above certificates will be received by the undersigned until the 18th May, inst., at noon, at his office, No. 99 Broadway, where the order of court may be seen and other particulars, if any, may be learned.
ISAAC H. KNOX, Receiver.

NEW-YORK, May 6, 1874.

COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE COMPANY.
Cash capital, $2,000,000. office, No. 29 William st., corner Exchange place. Warehouses, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn. Cash advances made on first-class securities on demand and time. Cash advances made on all kinds of merchandise stored in our own warehouses or consigned to us, on favorable terms.
PAUL J. ARMOUR, President; JOSE F. NAVARRO, Vice President; JOHN BAIRD, Second Vice President; FELICIANO LATASA, Third Vice President.
Paul J. Armour, Wm. Palmer Dixon, Chas. Delamater, José F. Navarro, Feliciano Latasa, Juan J. Jova, John Baird, Thomas Murphy, Henry R. Hyde, WILLIAM TORIS, Superintendent of Warehouses.
JAMES CLYDE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 52 Wall st.,
NEW-YORK, April 30, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders and holders of the Chicago and North-western Railway Company, for the election of Directors pursuant to law, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in the City of Chicago, on THURSDAY, the 4th of June next, at 1 o'clock P. M. Bondholders will authenticate their right to vote by presenting their voting bonds at the office of the company, No. 52 Wall st., New-York, for registration, on or before the 4th of May proximo.
ALBERT KEEP, President.

M. L. SYKES, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK MUTUAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY,
NORTH-EAST CORNER UNION SQUARE, 4TH AV. AND 10TH ST., NEW-YORK, May 9, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of the New-York Mutual Gas-light Company, for the election of six

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Freight and way passengers only.
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And every alternate SATURDAY thereafter.
CITY OF PEKING, Commodore A. G. Gray, June 6, at 12 M.
And every alternate SATURDAY thereafter, calling at Kingston, Jamaica, and connecting with all steamers for Central America and South Pacific ports.
Extra steamers for freight and way passengers will be dispatched on intervening Saturdays as necessity may require.
Steamers leave San Francisco for Japan and China, as follows:

CHINA ..... May 2
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COLORADO ..... May 30
and every fortnightly saturday thereafter.
Steamers leave China and Japan for San Francisco and New-York, as follows:

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From Hong Kong ..... May 12 | From Yokohama ..... May 20
From Hong Kong ..... May 27 | From Yokohama ..... June 3

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RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

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Abyssinia,	Wed'y, May 20	Parthia,	Saturday, June 6
Atlas,	Saturday, May 23	*Scotia,	Wed'day, June 10
*Russia,	Wednesday, May 27	Algeria,	Saturday, June 13

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.
Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.
Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage at lowest rates. Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. For freight or passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling green; for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

INMAN LINE—SOUTHERLY COURSE.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
CITY OF CHESTER ..... Saturday, May 16, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND ..... Saturday, May 23, 12 M.
CITY OF PARIS ..... Saturday, May 30, 2 P. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN ..... Saturday, June 6, 10 A. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS ..... Saturday, June 13, 2 P. M.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
CABIN, $80 and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.
STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast, Havre, or Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency.
Passengers are booked to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.
Drafts issued at lowest rates.
For Cabin Passage apply to general business agents of the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.
Steerage offices, at No. 33 Broadway, and Pier No. 45 North River.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The Vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

LAFAYETTE ..... Saturday, May 16
VILLE DE PARIS ..... Saturday, May 30
LAFAYETTE ..... Saturday, June 13

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO HAVRE:
First Cabin, $120 ..... Second Cabin, $75.
Superior accommodations for a few steerage passengers at $35.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
American travelers going to, or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.
GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent.
Removed to No. 55 Broadway.
NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on Thursday of every week.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA.
First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 13 North River.

For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA, and PORTO RICO.
CORINTH ..... May 15
CLARIBEL ..... June 5

For JAMAICA AND COLOMBIA.
ATLAS ..... May 15
ELNA ..... June 2

First-class passenger accommodation.
PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents.
Nos. 56 Wall and 59 Pine sts.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.
Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.
ADRIATIC ..... SATURDAY, May 16, at 2 P. M.
BALTIC ..... SATURDAY, May 23, at 11 A. M.
OCEANIC ..... SATURDAY, May 30, at 3 P. M.
REPUBLIC ..... SATURDAY, June 6, at 10 A. M.
From Pier (New) Nevada Star Docks, Jersey City.
Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.
Saloon state-rooms, smoking room and Bath-rooms in MIDSHIP section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; Return tickets, $140, gold; steerage at low rates. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates at low rates.
Passengers booked from all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.
Drafts from £1 upward.
For information of plans and other information apply at the company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.
R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

STATE LINE.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

These elegant new Clyde-built steamers will sail from Pier No. 36 North River as follows:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ..... SATURDAY, May 16
STATE OF VIRGINIA ..... SATURDAY, May 30
STATE OF GEORGIA ..... SATURDAY, June 13

And every alternate Saturday thereafter, taking passengers at through rates to all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany. Drafts for £1 and upward. For freight or passage apply to
AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents.
No. 72 Broadway.
Steerage office, No. 45 Broadway.
STEERAGE AS LOW AS BY ANY OTHER LINE.

ANCHOR LINE.

PASSAGE RATES REDUCED.
NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.
STEAMER EVERY ALTERNATE DAY.
From company's piers, 20 and 21 North River, N. Y.
Caledonia, Thurs ...May 14 | Jud'a, Saturday ....May 23
Alexandria, Sat'day, May 16 | Bolivia, Tuesday ...May 26
Elysia, Tuesday ...May 19 | Europa, Thursday...May 28
Olympia, Thursday, May 21 | Anglia, Saturday ...May 30

RATES OF PASSAGE—PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDONDERRY, QUEENSTOWN OR BELFAST.
Cabin, $65 to $80, according to steamer and accommodations. Return tickets issued at reduced rates.

INTERMEDIATE, $25. STEERAGE, $23.
Drafts issued for any amount at lowest rates.
Send for circulars, maps, and further information, to Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling green.
HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—The most southerly route has always been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.
From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.
TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Canada...Sat., May 16, 3 P.M. | Greece...June 6, 6:30 A. M.
Spain...Sat., May 30, 3 P. M. | Egypt...Sat., June 13, 7 P.M.
FOR LONDON DIRECT.
DENMARK, Steerage ..... Thursday, May 14, at 3 P.M.
Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage at greatly reduced price. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates from this port or Liverpool at low rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
P. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL,
VIA QUEENSTOWN,
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from
PIER 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:

WYOMING, Capt. GUARD ..... May 12, 2 P.M.
(No Boat May 19.)
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH ..... May 26, 2 P.M.
IDAHO, Capt. MOORE ..... June 2, 2 P. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. PARSONS ..... June 9, 2 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BADGER ..... June 16, 3 P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. GUARD ..... June 23, 12 M.
MONTANA, Capt. —— ..... June 30, 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $25, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

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THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
MAIL ROUTE.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
SAN JACINTO, Capt. RICARD, SATURDAY, May 16, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. M. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

HURTONVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, WEDNESDAY, May 20, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 98 Wall st.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. SICKERSON, SATURDAY, May 23, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. M. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

CLEOPATRA Capt. MANNIX, WEDNESDAY, May 27, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
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Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and Bills of lading, in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
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GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE,

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
SAILING WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, from Pier No. 29 North River.
CHARLESTON, Capt. JAS. BERRY, Saturday, May 16.
GEORGIA, Capt. S. CROWELL, Wednesday, May 20.

Superior accommodations for passengers.
Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Goods forwarded free of commission.

Passage tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of the company,
JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
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BENTLEY D. HASELL,
General Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 317 Broadway.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.
The steam-ship AMERICA, Capt. H. SCHUTTENBURG, will sail on WEDNESDAY, May 13, at 2 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by steam-ship MOSEL, Capt. G. KNOP, on SATURDAY, May 16.
RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:
First cabin $120
Second cabin 72
Steerage 30
For freight or passage apply to
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NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. THOS. H. MONROE, May 12.
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. ——, May 19.
COLUMBUS, Capt. E. C. REED, May 26.
For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to
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D. McKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

FOR HAVANA.

NASSAU, HAVANA, PROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York, Havana, and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, sailing from Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana via Nassau) ..... May 14
CUBA, (Havana and Mexico) ..... May 16
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana direct) ..... May 23
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct) ..... May 26
For freight or passage apply to
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THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steamers for MONTEVIDEO and the River Plate.
The splendid steam-ship SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on SATURDAY, May 23, at 5 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.
First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210. And to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage limit price, 12 CURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates. Freights greatly reduced.
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COOK, SON & JENKINS, 261 Broadway, New-York.

EXCURSIONS.

DAILY EXCURSIONS TO SEA CLIFF AND Glen Cove, landing at Whitestone, City Island, and Mott's Dock. On and after MONDAY, May 11, the commodious steamer GENERAL SEDGWICK will leave daily, Sunday excepted, from Pier No. 24 East River, (Peck slip,) at 8:30, and 3:34 p. m. at 8:45 A. M.; returning, leave Sea Cliff at 4 P. M.

FOR EXCURSIONS—THE FIRST-CLASS STEAM-ferry WM. COOK, ARROWSMITH, and ROSEWALK, (largest in the fleet,) leave foot of MYRTLE AVENUE, Brooklyn, Bushwick Ferry, Bay Ridge, Flatbush, Parkville, Gravesend, Coney Island, and Manhattan Beach. Office corner Morton and West sts. No outside office nor agents.
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THE STEAMER BRIDGEPORT, CHARTERED for excursions. Apply to Consort Steam-boat Company at Pier No. 35 East River.

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NARRAGANSETT STEAM-SHIP COMPANY. FALL RIVER LINE

FOR BOSTON, via NEWPORT and FALL RIVER.
Daily, (Sundays, June 14 to Sept. 13, inclusive,) at 5 P. M.,
From Pier No. 28 North River, foot Murray st.,
The world-renowned steamers
BRISTOL and PROVIDENCE.
Capt. A. G. SIMMONS. Capt. B. M. SIMMONS.
The most direct route to Taunton, Middleboro, Plymouth, New-Bedford, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Cape Cod, the WHITE MOUNTAINS, and all principal points in New-England and the Provinces. For tickets and staterooms apply at No. 241 Broadway; Broadway, corner 23d st; Dodd's Express offices, No. 944 Broadway and No. 10 Court st., Brooklyn, or at the office on the pier, and at all principal ticket offices in the City. BAGGAGE CHECKED through.
A. P. BACON, Superintendent.
GEO. L. CONNOR, General Passenger Agent.

STEAMER HELEN.

For Red Bank and intermediate stations. Pier No. 35 North River, foot of Franklin st.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Monday, May 11...3:00 P. M.	Monday, May 11...6:00 A. M.
Tuesday, 12th...3:00 P. M.	Tuesday, 12th...6:30 A. M.
Wednesday, 13th...3:00 P. M.	Wednesday, 13th...6:30 A. M.
Thursday, 14th...3:00 P. M.	Thursday, 14th...7:00 A. M.
Friday, 15th...3:00 P. M.	Friday, 15th...7:00 A. M.
Saturday, 16th...3:00 P. M.	Saturday, 16th...7:00 A. M.

RONDOUT AND KINGSTON, LANDING AT Cozzens', Cornwall, Newburg, Marlborough, Milton, Poughkeepsie, and Esopus.—The steam-boats THOMAS CORNELL and JAMES W. BALDWIN leave Harrison st., Pier No. 34 North River, daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CITIZENS' LINE FOR TROY—LOW FARE.—Elegant steam-boats daily, Saturdays excepted, at 6 P M., from Pier No. 49 North River, foot Leroy st., connecting with railroads for all points north and west.
JOSEPH CORNELL, Superintendent.

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR ALBANY.—THE SPLENdid steamers DREW and ST. JOHN leave Pier No. 41, foot Canal st., daily, (Sundays excepted,) at 6 P. M.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine slip at 12 noon.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

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A LADY, EXPERIENCED IN TEACHING French, German, Italian, as also music, would like a position for the Summer as companion to a lady traveling, or in family to instruct children. Highest references. Address D., care Mr. Christern, No. 77 Universal place, New-York City.

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REMOVALS.

REMOVAL.
The Remington Sewing-machine Company removed to their new, elegant store, No. 9 South Madison square. Kurtz's art gallery.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.
Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:
Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached; 9:30 A. M., 5 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.
For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 7 P. M. For Williamsport, 8:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.
For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, "Limited Washington Express" of Pullman parlor cars, daily, except Sunday, at 9:20 A. M., arrive at Washington at 3:40 P. M.; regular at 8:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 1 P. M.
Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 9, 9:10, 9:30 A. M. and 9 P. M. Parlor and second class, 7 P. M.
For Trenton at 7:30 A. M., 3, and 3:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.
For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2:30, 3:30, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 2:30, 6:10, 8:30, 9, 10 A. M., 4:30, 5:30, 6:40, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night.
For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3:30, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.
For Rahway, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3:30, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 6:10 P. M.
For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 8 and 10 A. M., 3:30, 4:10, and 6 P. M.
For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, 8 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.
For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.
For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
For Philipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 7 P. M.
For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.
For Pemberton and Camden, 6 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 3:50 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:50 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:05 A. M., 4:15, 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 2:10, 6:20, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.
Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 438, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.
A. J. CASSATT, D. M. BOYD, Jr.,
General Manager. General Passenger Agent.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.

ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.
Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville with South Branch R. R. to Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

SPRING ARRANGEMENT.
Commencing May 4, 1874.—Leave New-York as follows:
5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.
6 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.
7 A. M.—Way Train for Easton, Belvidere, Manch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, St. Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Wyoming, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.
9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington; at Easton for Manch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars for Danville, Williamsport, &c.
10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.
2:30 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Catasauqua, and Belvidere.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Plainfield. On Saturdays only to Somerville.
4 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Manch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Del., Lack. & West. R. R.
4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
5:15 P. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.
5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.
6 and 7 P. M.—Way Trains for Somerville.
7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant.)—For Easton.
9:15 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
11:30 P. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.
For Elizabeth at 5:15, 6, 6:10, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M., 12:40, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 5:15, 5:45, 6, 6:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:30, 12 P. M.
R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.
H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Jan. 1, 1874, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 12 M., and 3 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 12 M.; New-Haven, Middletown and Willimantic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 8:10 P. M., (P. M. on Sunday.) Boston (via Shore Line) at 8 and 10 A. M. and 8:10 P. M. on Sundays.)
Way trains as per local time tables.
J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
R. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—after Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:
8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St. Albans.
10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.
10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.
3:40 P. M., Chicago and Cincinnati Express, Saturday only.
4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.
6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Ogdensburgh.
8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, with sleeping cars for Toledo.
11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.
C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.
On and after March 2, 1874, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows (Sundays excepted):
For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 8:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
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THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE LAW School of the University will be held at Association Hall, on THURSDAY, May 14, at 8 P. M. The Chancellor, HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., LL. D., will preside and confer the degrees. Addresses on Codification and the Laxity of the Divorce Laws, by A. R. Cruikshank, G. W. Pinhall, and G. W. Fletcher; class oration by H. Tomlinson, Jr. Address to graduates by W. M. Martin, Esq. D. R. JAQUES, Secretary of Faculty.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

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New-York, May 13, 1874.

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A WOMAN'S DIARY.

NEW PHASE OF THE BRINCKLEY DIVORCE CASE.

CONTINUED EXAMINATION OF THE PLAINTIFF—HER IDEAS ON MARRIAGE—IMPORTANT TESTIMONY.

The Brinckley divorce case was resumed yesterday morning, before Judge Van Brunt, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, General Term. Gen. Anthon, counsel for the defendant, continued the cross-examination of Mrs. Brinckley. She related how she had traveled from place to place under the name of Mrs. Lawson, sometimes in company with Mr. Brinckley, and at others alone, or with some other escort. In St. Paul she stopped at the International Hotel, registering as Mrs. Lawson. Mr. Brinckley was not with her at that time, but she met some old friends, and, joining their party, went to Minneapolis. In that city she lived three months staying at the principal hotels. There she was known and introduced as Mrs. Lawson. After leaving Minneapolis she returned to St. Paul. At this point the plaintiff was interrupted in her testimony to permit Mrs. Harriet Blanchard to be sworn, as she wished to go out of town upon an afternoon train. Mrs. Blanchard testified that she kept a boarding-house in Sixteenth street, at Broadway and Union square. Mr. Bayard Taylor and other well-known gentlemen had boarded with her. In the Summer of 1864, Mr. Brinckley called and engaged board and rooms for himself and his wife. The terms were agreed upon, and their baggage was sent around to the house. When Mr. and Mrs. Brinckley reached the house, Mrs. Blanchard met them in the hall. Mr. Brinckley stepped forward and introduced the complainant to Mrs. Blanchard as his wife. At another time Mr. Brinckley came to her and asked whether she could tell him where his wife was.

At the close of Mrs. Blanchard's evidence, Mr. Brown, counsel for the complainant, arose and said that he held in his hand a journal which had been kept by Mrs. Brinckley, a record of some of her thoughts and acts. He would read extracts which would be introduced as evidence in the case. In the journal of July 3, 1865, the writer says that when they (Mr. and Mrs. Brinckley) are in Europe she tends to acquire German and Italian. As soon as Hugh (that is Mr. Brinckley) sells his cotton in Canton, she will again be united with him. She bewails her loneliness, and frequently speaks of her deep love for her husband.

Under date of Aug. 14, 1865, she quotes from Byron and Bacon, and speaks of ill-assorted marriages. "Well may many repine at their condition. Unhappy marriages are common everywhere, and in all classes, but nevertheless the marriage relation is still continued, and is upheld and honored in all countries. It is the manner of contracting marriages that causes so much unhappiness. But few are based upon the true principle of a complete interchange of a feeling of true love. Some marry for a housekeeper, and some to obtain a home. Some marry a nurse, who may gently soothe their sick hours. Many marry for riches, and more for a social position. Many yield to the influence of friends and refuse to consult their own feelings in the interchange. All these marriages are nearly certain to result in calamity, unhappiness, and separation. The woman who unites herself to a man whom she does not love, though the ceremony be solemnized by a thousand priests, commits a sin in the sight of God, and perjures herself by promising to love, honor, and obey a man for whom she does not feel the slightest affection. One reason of this is, because young women know so little of the world as it really is. The trash that young people read at the present day is so conficted of a devotion to the world, filled with false and exaggerated opinions and ideas, that they soon begin to contract those opinions, and look upon all things connected with love and the married state with a false, romantic view. Young persons believe that to fall in love is to be happy, and to secure the object of their love is to secure a life of pleasure a life of unalloyed happiness. With the adult woman it is different. She will not suffer her affections to be engaged unless she be certain that the man is worthy of her regard. Many men go into ecstasies over beautiful eyes, a well-rounded arm, a fair face, a luxuriant growth of hair. Sometimes they marry these charms, and soon find that a single pimple has destroyed their love. How many men have been won by a single grace." She continues by saying that she believes that Hugh really loves her. He tries in every way to make her happy. He has won her love, and she did not love him half so well at first as she now does. It is the duty of every woman to please her husband. No woman can be happy without she makes her husband happy. She always desired to be a pleasure to her husband. She closes that entry by saying, "God grant that we may soon be together."

Under date of Apr. 16, 1865, she speaks of a Col. Sawyer, who has made many gallant speeches to her, which she did not like. She says, in conclusion, that she does not care how much a man loves her, nor how many adore her; but when a man begins to talk at her, then she does not like it. She was willing that all the men should love and adore her if they did not express that love and adoration to her by words.

On the 22d of August she again writes that Hugh sends his letter with a kiss to baby. Hugh would be so delighted to have a child. There is no tie between married persons like a child. Its affections centre mutually upon their offspring, and a bridge is formed between the parents' hearts that nothing can break down or weaken.

At the St. Charles Hotel in New-Orleans, Aug. 27, she writes: Hugh left for Canton to-day. When Hugh is at home she has nothing to do but to please him. He spends all his time with her at home, and they do nothing but eat, drink, sleep, and love. She speaks of her loneliness in the great hotel, knowing no one, but feels better satisfied than in St. Louis. She goes on to say Hugh leaves nothing undone that could in any way contribute to his wife's happiness. In New-York all was luxury, but she did not appreciate it. Hugh had their rooms in the St. Charles painted, and told her to buy some new carpets. She felt that it was wrong to encounter acquaintances under a false name. She would be tortured constantly. Hugh has a bad set of fellows about him, who eat, drink, and smoke, and win his money at cards. She records the fact that she had taken an oath that she would never permit Hugh to play cards again. It is sinful to thus fritter away his time and waste his money. Biography teaches that no good man can raise bad associates to his level. They always drag him down to theirs. Hugh never looked into a French book after he went away from her. They began German, but Hugh soon tired of it. Still she thought that Hugh desired to improve himself. The great drawback to improvement is self-indulgence and riches. A rich man has no occasion to be self-reliant. If Hugh were only poor, how much better we should be. Work brings the most happiness, for a man who is busy has no time to be unhappy. She goes on by saying how much she wishes that Hugh would take up the study of some familiar science with her, and so they could always work and study together, and never be separated. "Well-chosen acquaintances are doubtless an assistance, and influence a man for good. One of the greatest banes of a wife's life—which sometimes wholly destroys her happiness—is "the club."

Under the date of Sept. 7, 1865, she records that she has written the first ten pages in her journal since she took upon her the title of wife. It is only three months since their marriage.

Sept. 9 she writes that she spoke to Major Lanier about a saddle horse, and he said that he would procure her one and would ride with her. She adds that her situation is very embarrassing here, (at the St. Charles Hotel.) She would go to Europe alone, but she knew that if she did Hugh would gamble away every cent he had, and she would have to beg her way home. She loved to picture the future, when she and Hugh would be united, never to be separated again. All their troubles would then be over, and they would be supremely happy. Their marriage had been a marriage of love; they had every pleasure that money could buy, and they would be happy in the future. Then she soliloquizes: "To be happy together we must forget the bad and remember the good. I love to hear with his faults, and he has to bear with mine. I will study his desires, and try in every way in my power to add to his pleasure. I may sometimes be sorely vexed at his opposition to my desires, but I should take no pleasure in anything that he objected to. We all have faults, and we are certain to disagree at times; but we'll kiss and make up, and love each other all the better afterward."

Again, under date of Oct. 18, she says that the link between man and the brute must be a very close one. Great heavens! who could disguise their contempt for dissipated persons? She adds that she feels so sorry to see Mr. Brinckley associate with such profligate men. She speaks of the marriage of a dear lady friend to a rake named Burns. Afterward she says the hotel is becoming quite gay. Mrs. Nast gave her a kind invitation for herself and Hugh to take seats at their table. She describes a supper that Major Lanier gave in his room, and relates how he seemed smitten with the charms of a young French lady.

Mrs. Brinckley then resumed her testimony. She returned to Memphis after leaving St. Paul, and took rooms in the Adams Block. She knew no one in the Adams Block except the proprietor of whom she rented her apartments. Mr. Brinckley's friends visited her while in the Adams Block, as did also Mrs. Judge Smith and other well-known ladies. She had always kept her husband's letters to her, but then she had never supposed that they might be necessary to establish her claim to being his wife. As to the receipted bills, Mr. Brinckley always handed them to her after they had been paid, and told her to put them away. The bills were made out to Mrs. Brinckley and Mrs. H. L. Brinckley.

Witness then took the book in which she had written her journal, and identified the writing as hers.

Counsel for the defendant then took up each passage in the journal that had been read by Mr. Brown and introduced as evidence, and questioned the plaintiff as to whether Mr. Brinckley had read it, and what he had said in reply. To all of the questions Mrs. Brinckley answered that Mr. Brinckley had read them, but that she could not recollect what comments he had made upon them at that time.

Taking up a paper upon which he had made notes, Gen. Anthon read, "Mr. Brinckley and I have frequently discussed our unhappiness. How good natured people submit to the conjugal yoke." What did Mr. Brinckley say about the yoke?

Judge Van Brunt, (turning over the leaves of Mrs. Brinckley's journal)—I am looking for the yoke.

Gen. Anthon—I trust, seriously, that your Honor may find the yoke.

The plaintiff could not remember what Mr. Brinckley said about the yoke.

In explanation of a paragraph in her diary, the plaintiff said Col. Sawyer was a Colonel in the army, who was living at the Lindell Hotel, in St. Louis. Major Lanier, who gave the supper in the St. Charles Hotel, is an old gentleman whom the plaintiff had known from childhood. She loved him as a father. She said that Mr. Brinckley had supplied her with everything she had wanted until they separated. She took legal advice soon after her return from St. Paul. Then she did not intend to separate from Mr. Brinckley. She had heard that she was living with a bad woman, and she wished to break up that intimacy.

At the request of her counsel, Mrs. Brinckley then detailed the steps that she had taken in the case, and spoke of the journeys that she had from time to time made to Memphis. She said that she did not know that Mr. Brinckley was in New-York when she came on to this City. She believed that he had gone to St. Paul, because she had been told that he had purchased a ticket for that city. Mr. Algernon S. Sullivan had been her counsel at first in New-York. She knew that depositions were being taken. She had boarded in Eighteenth street at first, after the action had been brought, but afterward taught in a Mr. Marx's family. She told Mr. Marx that she was a widow, and she herself considered one. A woman was as much a widow who is separated from her husband, she added, as though her husband were dead. She had boarded at several different places since teaching at Mr. Marx's, but had lived last in the house of Mr. J. Warren Gore, President of the Camden and Amboy Railroad. This ended Mrs. Brinckley's cross-examination, and the court adjourned until to-day at 10:30 A. M.

ANOTHER GREAT STEAM-SHIP.

LAUNCH OF THE CITY OF TOKIO AT CHESTER, PENN.

The launch of the City of Tokio, sister ship to the City of Peking, took place yesterday from the yard of the Delaware River Iron Ship-building and Engine Works, in Chester, Penn. Both had been constructed for the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, and the eminently successful floating of the latter and the recollection of the pleasant circumstances which attended her baptism, some time ago, induced hundreds to visit Chester to witness that of the Tokio. Mr. Roach had issued 2,500 invitations to persons who had signified their desire to be present; but a vastly greater number of spectators occupied the yard, steamers, boats, sloops, and housetops in the vicinity of the works, yesterday. The stores in the town suspended business, and bunting was displayed from many windows and housetops. As early as 6 A. M., the young people, in holiday attire, were seen on every approach to the main gateway; and long before 7 o'clock half the adult population of Chester was seated on the timbers, pieces of machinery and fences in and around the iron works. Boats, smacks, punkies, and wherries dotted the sunlit river, and many persons had secured places on the vessel's own deck. The 7 o'clock train from Philadelphia and intermediate way stations brought many more people, and the 8 o'clock special from Broad and Pine streets, in the Quaker City, brought its immense freight of human beings to the ship-yard gateway. The holders of tickets were escorted by the officers of the peace to the decks of the Monitor, Nahant, and the George W. Elder, a steamer likewise on the stocks. The majority of those on the latter were ladies from Philadelphia and towns adjacent to Chester. Many families came long distances in their private carriages, a long line of which thronged the yard and street. All through the morning visitors kept coming until every available spot on shore where a view of the "ways" could be had was occupied. Boats and larger steamers from Philadelphia arrived about 9, black with passengers. Among them were the Dialogue, Weed, Felton, Peerless, City of Chester, and the revenue cutter. Bands of music were on board of some, and kept up a rollicking enlivening air the never the dock heads, or stood off and on. From New-York had come several merchants and ship-owners, and from Philadelphia the officials of the American Steam-ship Company. The monitors Passaic and Jackson were thrown open to the public about 8:30, and a little later the cadets of the Fifth, under Col. Hyatt, marched into the yard in regimental order, with a full drum corps, and drew up in line on the deck of the Nahant.

The City of Tokio was gayly decorated with flags and signals, and on the ways awaiting the removal of the chocks. Her decks were covered with ladies and gentlemen, who had mounted up the long ladders and gangways at her towering sides to have the honor of making the first trip in her on the water. At 10 o'clock the sounds of the hammer, which had been heard all the morning ceased, and the gangways were removed from the ship's side. Every eye was fixed upon her then, as it was evident that she might be launched at any moment. There was scarcely a sound given forth by the vast assemblage until 10:30, when, as if of her own accord, the monster began to move slowly down the "ways" into the water. Her stern-post dipped, and a murmur of applause broke the stillness. She gathered way a second after and shot gracefully into the water, on which she settled like a swan and drifted out into the middle of the river, until her anchors brought her up. Cheers, steam-boat whistles, salvos of artillery, and the crash of brass instruments and drums hailed the successful launch, which occupied less than thirty-five seconds from the moment of starting until she rode quietly on the stream. While she was half in and half out of the water, Miss L. Wickham, of New-York, daughter of W. H. Wickham, assisted by Miss Louise Shepard, of Oakland, Cal., christened the vessel the City of Tokio.

Among the notable personages who witnessed the launch were Capt. Harris, United States Navy; Isaiah E. Hanscom, Chief of Bureau of Construction; Constructor Hart, Assistant Constructor R. W. Steele, and officers from New-York, Washington, and Philadelphia Navy-yards; Commodore Goldsborough, Chief Engineer W. W. Wood, Chief of Bureau of Steam Engineers, Washington; Chief Engineers H. H. Stewart, Jackson, McElwell, and Sewell; Gens. Herring and Prevost, Mr. Delamater, and officers of the Delamater Iron Works; the members of the Phœnix Iron Company, of Philadelphia; S. & J. M. Flanagan, G. W. Childs, A. J. Drexel, R. Shelton Mackenzie, J. W. Forney, Gen. Cadwalader, Postmaster Fairman, Messrs. H. C. Carey, M. M. Michael, E. C. Knight, C. J. Hoffman, Frank Wells, Gens. James Jones and M. B. Russ, of the Austrian Army; John F. Mason, of Brooklyn, and many others. These were on board of the United States Steam-tugs Pilgrim and Sorrel, and the revenue cutter Crawford. After the launch several of these gentlemen shook hands with L. H. Bode, Superintendent of the works, to whom the success of the affair was mainly attributable, and congratulated him on this second great achievement in American naval architecture. Of course, Mr. John Roach was first in everybody's mind, and across the festive board, which groaned under the weight of a rich repast in his private offices, received the well wishes and commendations of his friends.

The City of Tokio, as before stated, is fitted up exactly like the City of Peking in machinery, furniture, fittings, upholstery, and general equipment. Her length over all is 423 feet; depth, 38 feet 6 inches; beam, 46 feet, and tonnage, 6,000. She will accommodate about 2,000 passengers, and, like the City of Peking, was built for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, most of whose officers were present. It is intended to place her in the trade between San Francisco and China. After the launch and the departure of the guests for Philadelphia and New-York, the vessel was hauled alongside the wharf and the hands got to work upon her to get her ready for sea—that is, she will be put in a condition to be towed around to New-York for final equipment in two or three weeks at Roach's yard, foot of Ninth street, East River.

THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

THE SECOND GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE NEW CHURCH — PROGRESS OF BISHOP CHENEY'S RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT.

The Second General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church assembled yesterday morning at the church corner of Madison avenue and Forty-seventh street, to adopt a constitution and canons, and to consider all proposed alterations in the Prayer Book of 1785. The following clerical delegates were present: Bishop George D. Cummins, Bishop Charles Edward Cheney, Rev. Messrs. R. H. Nelson, W. W. Falkwell, Mason Gallagher, B. B. Leacock, T. J. McFadden, William McGuire, Johnston McCormac, Edward D. Neill, W. H. Reid, W. T. Sabine, Marshall B. Smith, Thompson L. Smith, Chas. H. Tucker, J. D. Wilson, and Walter Wyndeyer. The churches represented were as follows: First Reformed Episcopal Church, New-York; Church of the Incarnation, Brooklyn; Christ Church, Chicago; Emmanuel Church, Chicago; Christ Church, Peoria, Ill.; First and Second Reformed Episcopal Churches, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Moscow, N. B. Church of the Rock of Ages, Littleton, Colorado; and the Reformed Episcopal Churches of Washington, D. C., Ottawa, Canada, and Aurora, Ill. After the usual church services, the sermon of the day was preached by Bishop Cheney, of Chicago, taking for his text the seventeenth verse of the fourteenth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans—"The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." After the sermon the holy communion was administered, after which the council proceeded to organize. Bishop Cummins was elected President, and Mr. Turner Secretary. On taking the chair Bishop Cheney informed the council that he had received a cable dispatch from the Free Church of England congratulating the council upon their success. The council was then adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock. At the hour mentioned the council again assembled, and the report of the Executive Committee was read. Printed copies of the proposed constitution and canons were then distributed among the members, and it being moved that the articles of each should be taken up and discussed *seriatim*, the motion was agreed to. Discussion of the articles of the constitution was then begun, and it was accepted with some trifling alterations in the text. The canons next came up for consideration, and seven of them, with slight changes in the language, were adopted. when the council adjourned to meet again at 7:30 P. M.

In the evening the council met pursuant to the adjournment, and satisfactory progress was made. The question as to whether the wardens should be chosen from among the communicants, a provision contained in the fifth article of the fourth canon of the second title, gave rise to an interesting debate which was not concluded at the hour of adjournment. The council meets to-day at 9:30 A. M. at the same place.

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

ROUTES TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR IMPROVED SUGGESTED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Mr. Windom, of Minnesota, submitted in the Senate to-day the following preamble and resolution, which he gave notice he would ask the Senate to consider after the Finance and Civil Rights bills shall have been disposed of:

Whereas, Cheap and ample means for the interchange of commodities between the different sections of our country constitute essential conditions of national advancement and prosperity; and

Whereas, The Committee on Transportation, after a full investigation of the subject, report that, in their judgment cheap transportation can be obtained only through competition under Governmental control, and operating through cheaper means of transportation than are now provided; that such cheaper means of transport can be provided only by the construction of double-track freight railways, or by the improvement and creation of water-routes, and that after a most careful consideration of the merits of the various proposed improvements, taking into account the cost, practicability, and probable advantages of each, they have come to the unanimous conclusion that the following are the most feasible and advantageous channels of commerce to be created or improved by the National Government, in case Congress shall act upon the subject, namely:

First—The Mississippi River.

Second—A continuous water-line of adequate capacity, from the Mississippi River to the City of New-York via the Northern lakes.

Third—A route adequate to the wants of commerce through the central tier of States, from the Mississippi River via the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, to a point on West Virginia, and thence by canal and slack water, or by a freight railway, to tide-water.

Fourth—A route from the Mississippi River, via the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers, to a point in Alabama or Tennessee, and thence by canal and slack-water, or by a freight railway, to the ocean; and

Whereas, The said committee express the opinion that among other benefits and advantages, the completion of the system of improvements suggested by them will effect a permanent reduction of fifty per cent. in the cost of transporting fourth-class freight from the valley of the Mississippi River to the seaboard, and a similar reduction in return freights; thereby insuring remunerative prices to the farmers of the West, cheaper food to the manufacturer and laborer at the East, and cotton planter of the South, the enhancement by many millions in the value of Western and Southern lands, and a very large increase in the exportations of cotton and cotton products; and

Whereas, The report of said Select Committee recommends that surveys and estimates be made upon such portions of said routes as may be necessary to determine accurately the cost of each, and to enable Congress at its next session to enter upon the said system of improvements, if upon the completion of such surveys and estimates the same shall be deemed practicable and expedient; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be and are hereby instructed to report amendments to the River and Harbor bill, making appropriations for completing the surveys and estimates for each of the improvements recommended by said Select Committee on the four routes indicated in said report.

The preamble and resolution were, on motion of Mr. Windom, ordered to be printed.

The bill reported by Mr. West, from the Senate Committee on Railroads, proposes to grant to Daniel P. Holland and his associates the right of way through public lands for the construction of a railroad from the present terminus of the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad, on the Apalachicola River, to the City of Mobile, Ala., with branches to Pensacola and St. Augustine, Fla. The bill reserves to Congress the right to fix the rates of tariff for troops, war materials, and United States mails.

The bill reported by Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, proposes to extend, for two years, the time that was granted by the act of June 8, 1872, for the redemption of lands by the United States under the several acts levying direct taxes.

Mr. Sherman's bill to regulate commerce among the several States, and with foreign nations, is a copy of the bill introduced by Mr. John Q. Smith, of Ohio, in the House of Representatives, March 16, forbidding discriminations in railroad charges and compelling railroad companies to post conspicuously full schedules of their respective tariffs, &c.

A JAPANESE TRAGEDY.

A dreadful quadruple murder at Kobe, the scene of the crime being not more than a couple of hundred yards of the Saibansho, is recorded by the *Japan Herald*. The victims are Mr. Yamada, his wife, and two children, one aged five years, and the other an infant, twenty-six days old, who were all butchered in their sleeping apartment, a room about nine feet square. Mr. Yamada was well known and generally liked in Kobe. He received a severe cut under the left ear, severing the jugular vein, several slashes on his chest and stomach, and his back was literally hacked to pieces, his spine being cut through in eight or nine places. From the appearance of his wounds it would seem he struggled with his assailant, and was set upon by another from behind. His wife was in the ninth month, one days old in her arms, had her right arm severed, and her left wrist cut badly, a frightful gash from her forehead to her chin, cutting out one eye, and cutting her head in half, and a slash that laid open her left shoulder and fractured her spine. Her baby (four years) by her fifth husband was smothered by her falling upon it, as the only wound it has is a small cut on one of its toes. The other child, a little boy, had his head entirely severed from his body, and his right hand cut through the middle, cutting off the thumb also; the left hand had the two first fingers cut off. What the motives of the murderers were will probably never come to light, unless the miscreants are caught and confess, as the clothes of the murdered persons seem to have been overhauled only. The assault must have been sudden and the affair of short duration, as the inmates of the houses adjoining on either side appear not to have heard anything of an unusual nature. Many Europeans employed on the railway also live within a stone's throw, and heard nothing of the affair until noon, when returning to tiffin."

"OUR WEIGHTS."

Under this head the London *Medical Record* says: "Upon the average, boys at birth weigh a little more and girls a little less than six and a half pounds. For the first nine years the two sexes continue nearly equal in weight, but beyond that time males acquire a decided preponderance. Thus, young men of seventeen weigh about 143 pounds each, while the young women of twenty average 120 pounds. Men reach their heaviest bulk at about thirty-five, when they average about 132 pounds, but women slowly increase in weight until fifty when their average is about 128 pounds. Taking men and women together, their weight at full growth averages about twenty times as heavy as they were on the first day of their existence. Men range from 108 pounds to 220 pounds, and women from 90 pounds to 207 pounds. The actual weight of human nature, taking the average of ages and conditions, nobles, clergy, tinkers, tailors, maidens, boys, girls, and babies all included is very nearly 100 pounds. These figures are given in avoirdupois weight, but the advocates of the superiority of woman might make a nice point by introducing the rule that women be weighed by troy weight like other jewels, and men by avoirdupois. The figures will then stand—young men of twenty, 143 pounds each; young women of twenty, about 140 pounds each, and so on."

SIAMESE NAIVETÉ.

The following very curious and interesting letter from the young King of Siam to M. De Grehan, the Siamese Consul in France, is published by the *Mémorial Diplomatique*:

BANGKOK, ROYAL PALACE, Jan. 21, 1874.

MY DEAR CONSUL: I have had much pleasure in receiving from time to time your very instructive narrative of the march of great events in France. In my position, understanding the difficulty of governing my own country and of developing its prosperity by the light of wisdom and experience, it is natural that I should find no study more attractive than the art of governing, as it is illustrated by history, and especially by contemporary history. In this study no country affords more matter for reflection than France, for it is a country of bold experiments, in which, in a few years, we have been enabled to observe the same people living under a great number of Governments and different forms of government. Such lines of information on this subject is interesting, and this is also why I attach particular value to the lucid and animated reports with which, in your character of an eye-witness, you have been good enough to favor me, and which I hope you will continue to give me from time to time.

There is much *naiveté*, remarks the London *Echo*, in the young monarch's compliment to France on the value of the instruction afforded by the variety of her political experiments, which however advantageous to foreign students of the science of government, is hardly a matter of congratulation to herself.

THE EMPEROR ALEXANDER AND THE POLISH EXILES.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* prints the following letter:

SIR: For ten years the Polish exiles have found shelter in your country. Will you add to this generous hospitality by opening your columns to us for a moment? The approaching visit of the Emperor Alexander, already foreshadowed by programmes of balls and festivals, seems to hold out hope that in this general atmosphere of rejoicings our hardships may be ended. All of us are weary of wandering, for exile at best is nothing but a moving prison. The true interests of Russia and Poland are now identical. We are longing to contribute our bitterly-acquired experience to the service of our common fatherland. We want to be of some use if we can—at worst we want to go home and die there. Those of my countrymen in England with whom I have been unable to correspond may learn from this letter that a petition is in course of signature, and that their names will be received here until the date of his Majesty's arrival.

Your obedient servant,

STEFAN POLES.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

We are indebted to Purser Girard, of the Havana steam-ship Crescent City, for favors.

The Howard Mission will celebrate its anniversary this evening at the Academy of Music.

The members of the Produce Exchange will hold their annual dinner this evening at Delmonico's.

Michael Phillips found a male infant, wrapped in a plaid shawl, in the hallway of his residence, No. 527 Fifth street.

The contract for the convict labor of the Penitentiary for the next five years was awarded to C. D. Bigelow by the Board of Supervisors last evening.

The Cunard steamship Abyssinia, which left Liverpool May 2 and Queenstown May 3, reached this port yesterday, with mail news later by three days' dates.

Frank Coleman was arrested yesterday on a charge of refusing to give up a stolen horse, the property of a Mr. Storrs. Coleman bought the horse up town in New-York.

Rev. Henry M. Scudder, D. D., delivered a lecture last evening, at the new chapel of the Central Congregational Church, on "The Physical Beauties and Literature of India."

Prof. J. Phin will speak before the Polytechnic Association this evening on "The Microscope and its Application in the Arts," and Mr. J. McComber on "The True Method of Constructing Lasts."

Yesterday a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of C. M. Cespedes, late Ex-President of the "Republic" of Cuba, was celebrated at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Twenty-eighth street.

Francis H. Abbot, formerly a member of the Produce Exchange, and one of the oldest of our flour merchants, died on the 12th inst. at his residence in Orange, N. J., in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

Mr. F. G. Eldridge, of the firm of Atkinson, Tilton & Co., of Calcutta, has been gazetted a member of the Legislative Council of India. Hon. F. G. Eldridge is the first foreigner that ever received this mark of distinction.

Maria Conway, a prisoner in the Fifth Precinct Station-house, attempted suicide last night by hanging herself to the door of her cell. She was discovered by Doorman Tompkins and cut down in time to save her life.

The examination in the case of Teresa Small, which was to have been continued yesterday, was adjourned until to-day because of the official engagements of Police Commissioner Gardner, who is to be the next witness in the case.

The sixth annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association will be held at Irving Hall this afternoon and to-morrow. Rev. O. B. Frothingham and prominent ladies of the association will address the convention.

The annual Commencement of the University Law School will be held this evening at Association Hall. Mr. J. E. Temlinson, Jr., will deliver the valedictory. Augustus N. Betts is Grand Master of the graduating class.

William Dalton, of No. 83 Market street, was held in $1,000 bail for trial by Justice Kasmire, at Essex Market Police Court yesterday, on a charge of having in his possession a number of barrels stolen from Pier No. 41 East River.

John Baucker took a fancy to the pigeons of Casper Woolmacher, No. 67 Delancey street, and was caught in the act of attempting to rob his coop. He was held for trial on the charge by Justice Kasmire at Essex Market Police Court yesterday.

O. T. McIntosh recovered a judgment yesterday in the First District Court, before Judge Quinn, for $200, against the Western Union Telegraph Company, for damages sustained by reason of a mistake in a message sent by plaintiff over defendant's wires to Long Branch.

The members of the Roman Catholic Pilgrimage to Lourdes will hold a reception this evening at the Xavier Union, No. 36 West Fifteenth street, at which it is expected all the pilgrims will be present. A number of prominent Roman Catholics will attend the reception.

Denis Meany, of No. 41 Rutger street, was arrested on Tuesday night for being drunk and disorderly. On searching him at the station-house a slung-shot was found in his breast pocket. He was held in $1,000 bail for trial by Justice Kasmire at Essex Market Police Court yesterday.

In the case of Pilsbury Cooms against Michael Nolan and Michael McGrath, which was a suit brought in the United States District Court for the recovery of $360 for the failure of the schooner Yankee Blade to deliver a cargo of bricks, Judge Blatchford yesterday dismissed the libel.

James F. Brothers, aged thirty-five years, a resident of Malone, N. Y., attempted to commit suicide on Tuesday night by cutting his throat with a pocket knife while at Smith's Hotel, corner of Forty-fourth street and Vanderbilt avenue, where he was stopping for the night. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

At the funeral of the late Courtlandt Palmer yesterday, the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Samuel J. Tilden, William E. Dodge, Wm. B. Ogden, Charles Butler, Wm. Barton, George Forest, Wm. Tracy, James Brown, Thomas D. Day, and Samuel D. Babcock. The remains were interred in the family vault in Green-Wood.

The monthly meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society of New-York was held last evening at the Ophthalmic Hospital, Prof. Wm. Tod Helmuth presiding. Papers were read on "Bilateral Surgery," by Dr. E. A. Murphy; "Plastic Surgery," by Dr. John C. Minor; "Abscess of the Prostate Gland," by Dr. F. E. Doughty, and "Fracture of the Elbow," by Dr. E. Carleton, Jr.

The Bookbinders' Provident Association held its seventh annual meeting last evening at Masonic Hall, Thirteenth street, Robert Beatty presiding. The Treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the last year amounted to $16,519 09, and disbursements $15,194 97, leaving a balance of $1,324 12. Of the disbursements, $14,011 was paid to members and families of deceased members. The roll of the association showed a membership of 1,025.

Officer Kramer, of the Tenth Precinct, saw Wolff Baum coming out of the jewelry store of Joseph Goldstein, No. 5 Eldridge street, on Tuesday night, after it had been closed some time. Thinking his actions suspicious, the officer arrested him and awakened the proprietor. On Baum's person was found $30 in cash and $270 worth of jewelry, which Goldstein identified as his property. Baum was held in $1,000 bail by Justice Kasmire, at Essex Market Police Court yesterday, on a charge of burglary.

BROOKLYN.

The open-air concerts in Prospect Park will be commenced in the first week of June.

James McKeon and Patrick Lenny were committed by Justice Delmar yesterday on a charge of stealing a horse and wagon valued at $450, from Mr. John Leeds, of No. 230 Ninth street.

A daring robbery, which occurred at noon, yesterday, at No. 77 Willoughby street, was reported to the Police. The thieves entered by the scuttle, and succeeded in escaping with $300 worth of property.

Judge McCue yesterday fixed the bail of Ex-Deputy Tax Collector Gill, who is held on fifteen indictments for embezzling the city money, at $30,000. Up to a late hour Mr. Gill had not succeeded in obtaining bail.

The Supreme Court, General Term, in session at Poughkeepsie, will to-day hear the appeal of Brooklyn liquor dealers from a decision of Judge Pratt sustaining the action of the Board of Police and Excise in trying excise cases and revoking licenses.

Annie McNiff, charged with attempting to shoot John C. Stephens, on Monday evening, as already reported in THE TIMES, was brought before Justice Riley yesterday. Her counsel moved that she be held for simple assault and battery, and Judge Riley reserved his decision until this morning.

Late on Tuesday night a wild hog escaped from the house of its owner, a colored man named Bundick, residing on Buffalo avenue, and, attacking a man named Patrick Tribble, knocked him down and bit him severely. The animal also knocked down its owner, and was subsequently shot by the Police.

The Commissioners of Charity met yesterday and appointed a committee of two to confer with the Board of Supervisors in reference to securing immediate help for the needy. The storekeepers from whom supplies to be distributed in out-door relief are to be obtained, have not yet been appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of City Works yesterday requested the Corporation Counsel to take measures for the opening of Kossuth place, from Bushwick avenue to Broadway; Kosciusko street, from Stuyvesant avenue to Broadway, and Pulaski and Hart streets, from Stuyvesant to Lewis avenues, in order to facilitate the laying of sewers. The Corporation Counsel was also asked for an opinion as to the right of the city to extend Pearl street to the State Pier line.

John O. Whalen was arrested yesterday on complaint of Albert O'Neal, of No. 130 Schermerhorn street, who charged him with conduct likely to lead to a breach of the peace by having paraded before the complainant's door a placard bearing the following announcement in large letters: "Waiting for $12 for removing furniture and putting down carpets." Whalen, who claims that O'Neal owes him $12 for a long time, and has neglected to pay it, gave bail to appear for examination to-day.

The Board of Supervisors, at their meeting last evening, appropriated $18,344 to be distributed by the Commissioners of Charities to the poor, the appropriation for the next three months having been already expended. Mayor Hunter, who moved the appropriation, said that at least one case of actual starvation had occurred because there was no money to give the poor. It was the case of a woman who came asking for aid with her child in her arms. She had to be refused, and on returning home found her husband dead from starvation.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The election held at White Plains yesterday, for two Trustees of the village, resulted in the choice of Theodore Van Tassell and Michael Riordan.

Mr. Daniel Hodgeman, of Tuckahoe, an extensive manufacturer of rubber goods, doing business in Malden lane, New-York, died on Tuesday, after a brief and painful illness.

The bill introduced by Mr. Wight, member of Assembly from Second District of Westchester County in the late Legislature, authorizing the County Judge to appoint three Commissioners of Excise for the county, became a law on the 9th inst. In accordance with its provision, Hon. S. D. Gifford yesterday appointed the following persons: Henry B. Archer, of Yonkers, as the representative of the First Assembly District; Stephen H. Miller, of Bedford, Second District, and Alford Walkers, of Ossining, Third District. In drawing lots for term of service, Mr. Miller's term will expire Dec. 31, 1876; Mr. Archer, Dec. 31, 1878, and Mr. Walker, Dec. 31, 1880. This new Board of Excise, which supersedes all local boards in the county, will meet at White Plains, on Tuesday next, to receive applications for license. There were about fifty applications for appointment on the Board of Excise.

LONG ISLAND.

The case of S. D. Whitney, the boarding-house keeper, which was to have been heard yesterday before Recorder Parsells, was, by consent, further postponed until to-morrow.

A house in Patchogue, situated on Patchogue lane, owned by Mr. Alfred Mott, was entirely destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. It was occupied by two families, and as there were no men at home at the time the women were unable to save any part of the furniture. The loss will probably reach $1,500; only partially insured.

Michael Carr, a junkman doing business in Seventh street, Long Island City, was arrested some days ago upon a charge of receiving stolen goods, and was arraigned yesterday to answer before Recorder Parsells. It was alleged that he bought a quanty of iron stolen from Cassidy's iron foundry in Sixth street, knowing it to have been stolen. And it is further alleged that this is not the first offense of the kind of which he has been guilty. Counsel appeared on both sides, and after argument the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

NEW-JERSEY.

Thomas Tomey, the driver of one of the Hudson City horse cars, was arrested in Jersey City, yesterday, and fined $10, for driving a lame horse.

A boy named Arthur O'Neill, aged eleven years, while stealing a ride on a train on the Morris and Essex Railroad, at East Orange, Tuesday, fell under the wheels, and was almost instantly killed.

Joseph Fox's clothing store, No. 72 Newark avenue, Jersey City, was entered by thieves yesterday morning, and robbed of about $50 worth of clothing. Some of the stolen goods were subsequently found in the yard of an adjoining store.

The name of the man who was robbed of $1,800 at the Hamburg-Bremen House, in Hoboken, Tuesday, was Ferdinand Sonntag. The money was in a satchel in his room at the hotel, and during his absence a boarder, named E. Carle, who occupied the adjoining room, carried the satchel and contents away. The detectives who were detailed to pursue the thief have not yet succeeded in capturing him.

The new Board of Freeholders of Union County met yesterday morning, and organized by the election of N. K. Thompson, of Elizabeth, Director, and L. S. Hyer, of Rahway, Clerk. The other officers elected were Dr. Thomas Terrill, County Physician, and James H. Durand, Counsel to the Board. The board made a clean sweep of all the Republican officials.

The fourth session of the Newark District Methodist Episcopal Conference commenced at Madison yesterday morning. The exercises opened with prayer,